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## **FORM 10-Q**

☑ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

OR

□ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 000-26497

## SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)



DELAWARE (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) 77-0121400 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

> 93012 (ZIP CODE)

**REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (805) 987-0400** 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files.) Yes 🖾 No 🗆

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer		Accelerated filer	X		
Non-accelerated filer	□ (Do not check if a Smaller Reporting Company)	Smaller Reporting Company			
Indicate by check man	k whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).	Yes 🗆 No 🖾			
Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.					
Com	Class A mon Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	Outstanding at August 1, 2014 19.698.236 shares			
Com	nion Stock, 50.01 par value per share	19,090,250 shares			

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

Outstanding at August 1, 2014 5,553,696 shares

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

From time to time, in both written reports (such as this report) and oral statements, Salem Communications Corporation ("Salem" or the "company," including references to Salem by "we," "us" and "our") makes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of federal and state securities laws. Disclosures that use words such as the company "believes," "anticipates," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "will," "may" or "plans" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, as defined under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements reflect the company's current expectations and are based upon data available to the company at the time the statements are made. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations. These risks, as well as other risks and uncertainties, are detailed in Salem's reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements made in this report speak as of the date hereof. Except as required by law, the company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements made in this report speak as of the date hereof. Except as required by law, the company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements made in this report speak as of the rorward-looking statements fall under the safe harbors of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

## PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

## SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

		nber 31, 2013 (Note 1)		ne 30, 2014 naudited)
ASSETS		(Note I)	(U	nauunteu)
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	65	\$	232
Trade accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$10,809 in 2013 and \$12,950 in 2014)		37,627		35,462
Other receivables		720		2,989
Inventories (net of reserves of \$2,747 in 2014)		_		740
Prepaid expenses		4,049		6,101
Deferred income taxes		6,876		6,876
Assets held for sale		1,700		1,700
Assets of discontinued operations		8		_
Total current assets		51,045		54,100
Notes receivable (net of allowance of \$548 in 2013 and \$1,018 in 2014)		1,866		405
Fair value of interest rate swap		3,177		708
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$145,215 in 2013 and \$150,164 in 2014)		98,928		101,468
Broadcast licenses		381,836		385,548
Goodwill		22,374		24,727
Other indefinite-lived intangible assets		868		868
Amortizable intangible assets (net of accumulated amortization of \$27,933 in 2013 and \$31,070 in 2014)		8,793		15,398
Deferred financing costs		4,130		3,800
Other assets		2,096		1,977
Total assets	\$	575,113	\$	588,999
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	3,960	\$	4,065
Accrued expenses		7,888		11,783
Accrued compensation and related expenses		6,913		9,699
Accrued interest		37		404
Deferred revenue		9,721		12,580
Income tax payable		142		104
Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations		3,121		1,541
Total current liabilities		31,782		40,176
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations, less current portion		287,672		287,716
Deferred income taxes		43,457		44,105
Deferred revenue		9,965		10,552
Other liabilities		452		3,945
Total liabilities		373,328		386,494
Commitments and contingencies (Note 16)				
Stockholders' equity:				
Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized 80,000,000 shares; 21,803,303 and 22,006,386 issued and 19,485,653		• • • •		•••
and 19,688,736 outstanding at December 31, 2013 and June 30, 2014, respectively		218		220
Class B common stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized 20,000,000 shares; 5,553,696 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2013 and June 30, 2014, respectively		56		56
Additional paid-in capital		237,579		239,561
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)		(2,062)		(3,326)
Treasury stock, at cost (2,317,650 shares at December 31, 2013 and June 30, 2014)		(34,006)		(34,006)
Total stockholders' equity		201,785		202,505
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	575,113	\$	588,999

See accompanying notes

## SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,			ed		
	20	)13	,	2014		2013	,	2014
Net broadcast revenue	\$ 4	47,025	\$	47,855	\$	90,272	\$	93,431
Net Internet revenue		9,906		14,390		19,622		27,300
Net publishing revenue		3,205		6,392		5,870		10,239
Total net revenue		60,136		68,637		115,764		130,970
Operating expenses:								
Broadcast operating expenses exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown below (including \$359 and \$364 for the three months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014, respectively, and \$711 and \$723 for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014,								
respectively, paid to related parties)		30,844		33,910		60,411		65,099
Internet operating expenses exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown below Publishing operating expenses exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown		6,887		10,063		13,728		19,880
below		3,452		6,439		6,475		10,858
Corporate expenses exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown below (including \$25 and \$5 for the three months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014, respectively, and \$160 and \$176 for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014,								
respectively, paid to related parties)		5,092		5,458		10,888		12,288
Depreciation		3,102		3,167		6,224		6,296
Amortization		688		1,529		1,381		3,137
Change in the estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration		—		242				369
Impairment of indefinite-lived long-term assets other than goodwill		345				345		_
Impairment of goodwill		438				438		_
Loss on disposal of assets		1		338		5		221
Total operating expenses		50,849		61,146		99,895		118,148
Net operating income from continuing operations		9,287		7,491		15,869		12,822
Other income (expense):								
Interest income		15		26		36		41
Interest expense including \$0 and \$154, respectively, for the three and six months								
ended June 30, 2013, paid to related parties.		(3,719)		(4,068)		(9,442)		(7,847
Change in fair value of interest rate swap		4,007		(1,373)		3,578		(2,469
Loss on early retirement of long-term debt		(55)		_		(27,776)		(8
Net miscellaneous income and expenses		5		14		11		80
Net income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes		9,540		2,090		(17,724)		2,619
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes		4,335		827		(4,347)		925
Net income (loss) from continuing operations		5,205		1,263		(13,377)		1,694
Loss from discontinued operations		(4)				(15,577)		
Net income (loss)	\$	5,201	\$	1,263	\$	(13,392)		1,694
Basic earnings per share data:		<u></u>		<u> </u>		<u></u> _		
Earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$	0.20	\$	0.05	\$	(0.54)	\$	0.07
Earnings (loss) per share from discontinued operations				_				_
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.20	\$	0.05	\$	(0.54)	\$	0.07
Diluted earnings per share data:								
Earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$	0.20	\$	0.05	\$	(0.54)	\$	0.07
Earnings (loss) per share from discontinued operations				_		_		
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.20	\$	0.05	\$	(0.54)	\$	0.07
Distributions per share	\$	0.05	\$	0.06	\$	0.10	\$	0.12
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	24,73	37,131	25	5,172,696	2.	4,684,781	2	5,118,839
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	25.6	24,530	25	5,950,600	2.	4,684,781		5,916,205
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# SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Six Month June	
	2013	2014
DPERATING ACTIVITIES	¢ (12.277)	0 4 6
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (13,377)	\$ 1,69
Adjustments to reconcile net loss from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Non-cash stock-based compensation	1,171	93
Tax benefit related to stock options exercised	113	7
Depreciation and amortization	7,605	9,43
Amortization of bank loan fees	511	34
Accretion of discount on Term Loan B	100	9
Accretion of acquisition-related deferred payments and contingent consideration	—	54
Provision for bad debts	1,521	1,51
Deferred income taxes	(4,578)	64
Impairment of indefinite-lived long-term assets other than goodwill	345	-
Impairment of goodwill	438	_
Change in the fair value of interest rate swap	(3,578)	2,40
Change in the estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration	—	36
Loss on early retirement of long-term debt	27,776	
Loss on the sale or disposal of assets	5	22
hanges in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(278)	4,0
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(793)	(4)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(3,878)	3,5
Deferred revenue	(1,045)	(3,73
Other liabilities	(9)	(70
Income taxes payable	(137)	(
Net cash provided by operating activities	11,912	20,93
	11,912	20,7.
NVESTING ACTIVITIES	(5.222)	(( 1)
Capital expenditures	(5,232)	(6,11
Cash escrow deposits (paid) released related to acquisitions	370	(*
Purchases of broadcast assets and radio stations	(5,000)	(4,50
Purchases of Internet businesses and assets		(3,12
Purchases of publishing businesses and assets	—	(2,7)
Proceeds from the sale of assets		
Other	(162)	(2)
Net cash used in investing activities	(10,024)	(16,8
INANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments to redeem Terminated 95/8% Notes	(213,500)	_
Payment of bond premium in connection with early redemptions and repurchases of Terminated 9/8% Notes	(22,677)	_
Proceeds from borrowings under Term Loan	298,500	_
Payments under Term Loan B	(4,000)	(2,2
Proceeds from borrowings under Revolver	11,500	26,3
Payments under Revolver	(11,087)	(25,7
Payments of costs related to bank credit facility	(4,364)	(23,7
Proceeds from borrowings under terminated credit facilities and subordinated debt	46,747	(
Payments under terminated credit facilities and subordinated debt	(87,220)	_
Payments to Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties	(15,000)	_
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	583	9
Payments on capital lease obligations	(63)	(2.0)
Payment of cash distribution on common stock	(2,474)	(2,9
Book overdraft	875	(2)
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,180)	(3,9
ASH FLOWS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS		
Operating cash flows	(15)	_
Net cash outflows from discontinued operations	(15)	
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tet increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(307)	10
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	380	(
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 73</u>	<u>\$</u> 23

SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

(Dollars in thousands)

## Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the period for:		
Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest (including \$296 paid to related parties for the six months ending June 30, 2013)	\$9,835	\$6,682
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 245	\$ 238
Other supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Trade revenue	\$2,530	\$3,524
Trade expense	\$2,059	\$3,379
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Seller financed note due directly to seller of station assets	\$2,000	<b>\$</b> —
Present value of advertising credits payable	\$2,427	<b>\$</b> —
Estimated present value of contingent earn-out consideration	\$ —	\$2,047
Deferred payments due 2014 under asset purchase agreement	\$ —	\$ 300
Present value of deferred cash payments (due 2015)	\$ —	\$ 893
Present value of deferred cash payments (due 2016)	\$ —	\$2,289

See accompanying notes

## SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

## NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of Salem Communications Corporation ("Salem," "we," "us," "our" or the "company") includes the company and all wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Information with respect to the three and six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014 is unaudited. The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, the unaudited interim financial statements contain all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial presentation, results of operations and cash flows of the company. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the full year. For further information, refer to the Consolidated Financial Statements and footnotes thereto include in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The balance sheet at December 31, 2013 included in this report has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date, but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP.

#### **Description of Business**

Salem is a diversified multi-media company with integrated business operations covering radio broadcasting, content programming, the Internet and publishing. Our programming is intended for audiences interested in Christian and family-themed content and conservative news talk.

Our foundational business is the ownership and operation of radio stations in large metropolitan markets. Upon the close of all announced transactions, we will own and/or operate 104 radio stations throughout the United States. Our broadcasting business also includes Salem Radio Network® ("SRN"), SRN News Network ("SNN"), Salem Music Network ("SMN"), Solid Gospel Network ("SGN"), Salem Media Representatives ("SMR") and Vista Media Representatives ("VMR"). SRN, SNN, SMN and SGN are networks that produce and distribute programming, such as talk, news and music segments to radio stations throughout the United States, including Salem owned and operated stations. SMR and VMR sell commercial airtime to national advertisers on radio stations and networks that we own, as well as on independent radio station affiliates.

Internet and e-commerce has been a significant area of growth for Salem and continues to be a prime focus for our future development. Salem Web Network<sup>TM</sup> ("SWN") and our other Internet businesses provide Christian and conservative-themed content, audio and video streaming, and other resources digitally through the web. SWN's Internet portals include Christian content websites: OnePlace.com, Christianity.com, Crosswalk.com<sup>®</sup>, GodVine.com, Jesus.org and BibleStudyTools.com. Our conservative opinion websites include Townhall.com<sup>TM</sup> and HotAir.com. Townhall.com also operates Twitchy.com and as of January 10, 2014, HumanEvents.com and RedState.com. All of our digital content is accessible through our radio station websites that also promote local content of interest to our audiences throughout the United States.

Our Internet and e-commerce segment also operates church product websites including WorshipHouseMedia.com, SermonSpice.com and ChurchStaffing.com. We offer books, DVD's and editorial content developed by our on-air personalities through the Salem Consumer Products website. As of January 10, 2014, our Internet and e-commerce segment includes e-book sales through Regnery Publishing; Eagle Financial Publications distribution of digitally delivered newsletters featuring market analysis and investment advice; and Eagle Wellness, offering complementary health advice as well as nutritional products.

Our acquisition of Regnery Publishing on January 10, 2014, represents a major shift in our publishing segment. Regnery Publishing is a publisher of conservative books that was founded in 1947. Regnery has published dozens of bestselling books by leading conservative authors and personalities, including Ann Coulter, Newt Gingrich, Michelle Malkin, David Limbaugh, Ed Klein, Laura Ingraham, Mark Steyn and Dinesh D'Souza. Our publishing segment also includes Salem Publishing<sup>™</sup>, a producer and distributor of Christian and conservative opinion print magazines and Xulon Press<sup>™</sup>, a print-on-demand self-publishing service for Christian authors.

## Variable Interest Entities

We account for entities qualifying as variable interest entities ("VIEs") in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 810, *Consolidation* which requires VIEs to be consolidated by the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary is the entity that holds the majority of the beneficial interests in the VIE. A VIE is an entity for which the primary beneficiary's interest in the entity can change with changes in factors other than the amount of investment in the entity.



We may enter into Local Marketing Agreements ("LMAs") contemporaneously with entering an Asset Purchase Agreement ("APA") to acquire or sell a radio station. We may also enter into Time Brokerage Agreements ("TBAs"). Typically, both LMAs and TBAs are contractual agreements under which the station owner / licensee makes airtime available to a programmer/licensee in exchange for a fee and reimbursement of certain expenses. LMAs and TBAs are subject to compliance with the antitrust laws and the communications laws, including the requirement that the licensee must maintain independent control over the station and, in particular, its personnel, programming, and finances. The FCC has held that such agreements do not violate the communications laws as long as the licensee of the station receiving programming from another station maintains ultimate responsibility for, and control over, station operations and otherwise ensures compliance with the communications laws.

The requirements of FASB ASC Topic 810 may apply to entities under LMAs or TBAs, depending on the facts and circumstances related to each transaction. As of June 30, 2014 we did not consolidate any entities with which we entered into LMA's or TBA's under the guidance in FASB ASC Topic 810.

## Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant areas for which management uses estimates include: (1) asset impairments, including broadcasting licenses, goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets; (2) income tax valuation allowances; (3) uncertain tax positions; (4) allowance for doubtful accounts; (5) inventory reserves; (6) reserves for royalty advances; (7) self-insurance reserves; (8) fair value of equity awards; (9) estimated lives for tangible assets; (10) fair value measurements; (11) contingency reserves; (12) probabilities associated with the potential for contingent earn-out consideration; and (13) sales returns and allowances. These estimates require the use of judgment as future events and the effect of these events cannot be predicted with certainty. The estimates will change as new events occur, as more experience is acquired and as more information is obtained. We evaluate and update our assumptions and estimates on an ongoing basis and we may consult outside experts to assist as considered necessary.

## Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year financial statements to conform to the current year presentation.

## NOTE 2. IMPAIRMENT OF GOODWILL AND OTHER INDEFINITE-LIVED INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Approximately 70% of our total assets as of June 30, 2014 consist of indefinite-lived intangible assets, such as broadcast licenses, goodwill and mastheads, the value of which depends significantly upon the operating results of our businesses. In the case of our radio stations, we would not be able to operate the properties without the related FCC license for each property. Broadcast licenses are renewed with the FCC every eight years for a nominal cost that is expensed as incurred. We continually monitor our stations' compliance with the various regulatory requirements. Historically, all of our broadcast licenses have been renewed at the end of their respective periods, and we expect that all broadcast licenses will continue to be renewed in the future. Accordingly, we consider our broadcast licenses to be indefinite-lived intangible assets in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 350, *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other*. Broadcast licenses account for approximately 94% of our indefinite-lived intangible assets. Goodwill and magazine mastheads account for the remaining 6%. We do not amortize goodwill or other indefinite-lived intangible assets, but rather test for impairment at least annually or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that an asset may be impaired.

We complete our annual impairment tests in the fourth quarter of each year. We believe that our estimate of the value of our broadcast licenses, mastheads, and goodwill is a critical accounting estimate as the value is significant in relation to our total assets, and our estimates incorporate variables and assumptions that are based on past experiences and judgment about future operating performance of our markets and business segments. If actual future results are less favorable than the assumptions and estimates we used, we are subject to future impairment charges, the amount of which may be material. The fair value measurements for our indefinite-lived intangible assets use significant unobservable inputs that reflect our own assumptions about the estimates that market participants would use in measuring fair value including assumptions about risk. The unobservable inputs are defined in FASB ASC Topic 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* as Level 3 inputs discussed in detail in Note 14 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. There were no indications of impairment present as of the period ending June 30, 2014.

## NOTE 3. IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS

We account for property, plant and equipment in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 360-10, "Property, Plant and Equipment". We periodically review our long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be fully recoverable. In accordance with authoritative guidance for impairment of long-lived assets, we must estimate the fair value of assets when events or circumstances indicate that they may be impaired. The fair value measurements for our long-lived assets use significant observable inputs that reflect our own assumptions about the estimates that market participants would use in measuring fair value including assumptions about risk. If actual future results are less favorable than the assumptions and estimates we used, we are subject to future impairment charges, the amount of which may be material. There were no indications of impairment present as of the period ending June 30, 2014.

## NOTE 4. ACQUISITIONS AND RECENT TRANSACTIONS

During the six months ending June 30, 2014, we completed or entered into the following transactions:

#### Debt

On March 31, 2014, we repaid \$2.3 million in principal on our current senior secured credit facility, consisting of a term loan of \$300.0 million ("Term Loan B"). We recorded an \$8,000 pre-tax loss on the early retirement of long-term debt related to the unamortized discount.

#### Equity

On May 27, 2014, we announced a quarterly distribution in the amount of \$0.06 per share on Class A and Class B common stock. The quarterly distribution of \$1.5 million was paid on June 30, 2014 to all Class A and Class B common stockholders of record as of June 16, 2014.

On March 6, 2014, we announced a quarterly distribution in the amount of \$0.0575 per share on Class A and Class B common stock. The quarterly distribution of \$1.4 million was paid on March 31, 2014 to all Class A and Class B common stockholders of record as of March 17, 2014.

#### Acquisition of Eagle Publishing

On January 10, 2014, we acquired the entities of Eagle Publishing, including Regnery Publishing, HumanEvents.com, Redstate.com, Eagle Financial Publications and Eagle Wellness. We began operating these entities as of the closing date. The base purchase price was \$8.5 million, with \$3.5 million paid in cash upon closing, and deferred payments of \$2.5 million due January 2015 and \$2.5 million due January 2016. We paid an additional \$0.4 million of costs upon closing associated with liabilities incurred by the seller. On June 6, 2014, we paid \$1.5 million of the \$2.5 million deferred installment due January 2015. Based on the early payment, our deferred payment due January 2015 was reduced to \$0.9 million. The deferred payments due January 2016 are recorded at their present value of \$0.9 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, with the discount being amortized to non-cash interest expense over the payment term using the effective interest method.

We may pay up to an additional \$8.5 million of contingent earn-out consideration over the next three years based on the achievement of certain revenue benchmarks established for calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for each of the Eagle entities. The estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration was determined using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model. The fair value of \$2.0 million. The estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration was determined using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model. The fair value measurement includes revenue forecasts which are a Level 3 measurement as discussed in Note 14 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration will be reviewed quarterly over the remaining three year earn-out period based on actual revenue earned as compared to the estimated revenue used in our forecasts. Any changes in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration may materially impact and cause volatility in our results of operations in future periods as they are identified. Changes in the fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration may materially impact and cause volatility in our future operating results. Changes in our estimates for the contingent earn-out consideration are discussed in Note 5 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

We believe that strong author relationships, assembled creative talent agreements and the loyal readers of Eagle publications, as well as our ability to market and promote these products through our existing media platform, provides future economic benefits to us. We have recorded goodwill of \$2.3 million representing the excess value of these future economic benefits.

## **Other Acquisitions**

On May 22, 2014, we completed the acquisition of radio station WOCN-AM, Miami, Florida and the related transmitter site for \$2.5 million in cash. The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations reflect the operating results of this entity as of the closing date. We will begin programming the station upon implementation of our format changes. We recorded goodwill of \$12,000 associated with the excess value of this entity attributable to the existing tower site, the related transmitter site and the audience reach obtained.

On May 6, 2014, we completed the acquisition of WRTH-FM (formerly WOLT-FM) in Greenville, South Carolina for \$1.1 million in cash. We began operating this station under an LMA as of February 28, 2014. The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations reflect the operating results of this entity as of the LMA date. We recorded goodwill of \$6,400 associated with the excess value of this entity attributable to the existing tower site and the audience reach obtained.

On April 14, 2014, we completed the acquisition of three FM translators for \$0.4 million in cash. The FM translators will serve our Orlando, Florida, Tampa, Florida and Omaha, Nebraska markets.

On February 7, 2014, we completed the acquisition of radio stations KDIS-FM, Little Rock, Arkansas and KRDY-AM, San Antonio, Texas for \$2.0 million in cash. We began operating these stations as of the closing date. KDIS-FM, Little Rock, Arkansas began programming on March 31, 2014, with revenue reflected as of this date in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. KRDY-AM, San Antonio, Texas began programming on June 1, 2014, with revenue reflected as of this date in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. We recorded goodwill of \$18,000 associated with the excess value of these entities attributable to existing tower sites and the audience reach obtained.

Throughout the six months ending June 30, 2014, we have acquired domain names associated with our Internet segment for an aggregate amount of approximately \$0.2 million.

A summary of our business acquisitions and asset purchases for the six months ended June 30, 2014, none of which were individually or in the aggregate material to our Condensed Consolidated financial position as of the respective date of acquisition, is as follows:

Acquisition Date	Description	Total Cost (Dollars in thousands)	
May 22, 2014	WOCN-AM Miami, Florida (business acquisition)	\$ 2,450	
May 6, 2014	WRTH-FM (formerly WOLT-FM), Greenville, South Carolina (business acquisition)	1,125	
April 15, 2014	FM Translators, Orlando, Florida, Tampa, Florida, Omaha, Nebraska (asset purchase)	350	
February 7, 2014	KDIS-FM, Little Rock Arkansas and KRDY-AM, San Antonio, Texas (business acquisition)	1,984	
January 10, 2014	Eagle Publishing (business acquisition)	10,628	
Various	Purchase of Internet domains (asset purchases)	203	
		\$ 16,740	

The results of operations of the acquisitions are included in our consolidated results of operations from their respective dates of acquisition date, LMA date, or launch of programming date as applicable. Under the acquisition method of accounting as specified in FASB ASC Topic 805 *Business Combinations*, the total acquisition consideration is allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values as of the date of the transaction.

Estimates of the fair value include discounted estimated cash flows to be generated by the assets and their expected useful lives based on historical experience, market trends and any synergies believed to be achieved from the acquisition. Acquisitions may include contingent consideration, the fair value of which is estimated as of the acquisition date as the present value of the expected contingent payments as determined using weighted probabilities of the payment amounts. We may retain a third-party appraiser to estimate the fair value of the acquired net assets as of the acquisition date. As part of the valuation and appraisal process, the third-party appraiser prepares a report assigning estimated fair values to the various asset categories in our financial statements. These fair value estimates are subjective in nature and require careful consideration and judgment. Management reviews the third party reports for reasonableness of the assigned values. We believe that these valuations and analysis provide appropriate estimates of the fair value for net assets acquired.

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at the estimated fair value and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Finite-lived intangible assets are recorded at their estimated fair value and amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Goodwill, which represents the organizational systems and procedures in place to ensure the effective operation of the entity, may also be recorded and tested for impairment. Costs associated with acquisitions, such as consulting and legal fees are expensed as incurred in corporate operating expenses.

The total acquisition consideration is equal to the sum of all cash payments, the fair value of any deferred payments and promissory notes and the present value of any contingent earn-out consideration using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model. The fair value measurement is based on significant inputs that are not observable in the market and thus represent a Level 3 measurement as defined in Note 14 -Fair Value Measurements. The following table summarizes the total acquisition consideration for the six months ended June 30, 2014:

Description	Total C	Consideration
	(Dollars in thousand	
Cash payments	\$	10,466
Escrow deposits paid in prior years		1,345
Deferred cash payments made related to prior year acquisition		(300)
Present value of deferred cash payments (due 2015)		893
Present value of deferred cash payments (due 2016)		2,289
Present value of estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration		2,047
Total purchase price consideration	\$	16,740

The total acquisition consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired as follows:

	Broadcast Assets Acquired	Internet Assets <u>Acquired</u> (1	Publishing Assets Acquired Dollars in thousand	Net Assets Acquired
Assets				
Property and equipment	\$ 1,927	\$ 929	\$ 3,929	\$ 6,785
Developed websites	_	539	38	577
Broadcast licenses	3,946		_	3,946
Goodwill	36	2,128	189	2,353
Customer lists and contracts	_	2,232	509	2,741
Domain and brand names	_	1,886	843	2,729
Subscriber base and lists	_	2,446	_	2,446
Author relationships	_		1,682	1,682
Non-compete agreements	_	79	66	145
Liabilities				
Deferred revenue & royalties assumed		(3,779)	(2,885)	(6,664)
	\$ 5,909	\$ 6,460	\$ 4,371	\$ 16,740

## **Pending Transactions**

On May 29, 2014, we entered into an APA to acquire radio station KXXT-FM in Phoenix, Arizona for \$0.6 million. We began operating the station under an LMA as of June 6, 2014. The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations reflect the operating results of this entity as of the LMA date. The acquisition is subject to the approval of the FCC and is expected to close during the year ending December 31, 2014.

## **Discontinued Operations**

Based on operating results that did not meet our expectations, we ceased operating Samaritan Fundraising in December 2011. As of December 31, 2011, all employees of this entity were terminated. As a result of our decision to close operations, there have been no material cash flows associated with this entity and we have no ongoing or further involvement in the operations of this entity. The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and Statements of Operations for all prior periods presented were reclassified to reflect the operating results and net assets of this entity as a discontinued operation.

The following table sets forth the components of the loss from discontinued operations:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2013		ths Ended 0, 2013
	 (Dollars in thousands)		
Net revenues	\$ 11	\$	11
Operating expenses	 (19)		(35)
Operating loss	\$ (8)	\$	(24)
Benefit from income taxes	 (4)		(9)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (4)	\$	(15)

## NOTE 5. CONTINGENT EARN-OUT CONSIDERATION

Two of our recent acquisitions include contingent consideration, the fair value of which was estimated on the acquisition date as the present value of the expected future contingent payments; determined using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow based on probabilities of possible future payments. The unobservable inputs used in the determination of the fair value of the contingent consideration include assumptions as to the ability of the acquired businesses to meet the targets and discount rates used in the calculation. Should the actual results of the acquired business increase or decrease as compared to our estimate and assumptions, the fair value of the contingent consideration obligations would increase or decrease, up to the contracted limit, as applicable. The fair value measurement includes revenue forecasts which are a Level 3 measurement as discussed in Note 14 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Any changes in the estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration may materially impact and cause volatility in our future operating results.

On December 10, 2013, we recorded an estimate of contingent earn-out consideration payable upon achievement of page view milestones over a two year period related to our acquisition of Twitchy.com. Using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model, we estimated the fair value of the \$1.2 million total contingent earn-out consideration at the present value of \$0.6 million as of the closing date. During each of the three month periods ending March 31, 2014 and June 30, 2014, we observed actual page views that were slightly higher than those expected at the time of our projections. We increased our page view estimates and revised the probability-weighted discounted cash flow model for the updated projections. We recorded a \$0.1 million increase in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration for the three months ending March 31, 2014 and \$0.1 million for the three months ending June 30, 2014, which is reflected in our results of operations for three and six months ending June 30, 2014. We will review our estimates quarterly over the remaining earn-out period of 1.50 years.

On January 10, 2014, we recorded an estimate of contingent earn-out consideration payable upon achievement of certain revenue benchmarks over a three year period related to the acquisition of the Eagle entities. Using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model, we recorded the estimated fair value of the \$8.5 million total contingent earn-out consideration at the present value of \$2.0 million as of the closing date. There were no changes in our estimates as of the three months ending March 31, 2014. During the three month period ending June 30, 2014, we observed actual revenues that were higher than those projected in our original estimates. We increased our revenue estimates and revised the probability-weighted discounted cash flow model for the updated projections. We recorded a \$0.2 million increase in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration for the three months ending June 30, 2014, which is reflected in our results of operations for this period. We will review our estimates quarterly over the remaining earn-out period of 2.75 years.

The following table reflects the changes in the present value of our acquisition related contingent earn-out consideration for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014:

	Three	Three months ending June 30, 2014			
		(dollars in thousands)			
	Short-Term	Long-Term			
	Accrued Expenses	Other Liabilities	Total		
Beginning Balance as of March 31, 2014	\$ 1,148	\$ 1,702	\$2,850		
Acquisitions			—		
Accretion of acquisition-related contingent consideration	26	37	63		
Change in the estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration	206	36	242		
Reclass payments due in next12 month to short-term	176	(176)			
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$ 1,556	\$ 1,599	\$3,155		

	Six	Six months ending June 30, 2014				
		(dollars in thousands)				
	Short-Term	Short-Term Long-Term				
	Accrued Expenses	Other Liabilities	Total			
Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2014	\$ 329	\$ 287	\$ 616			
Acquisitions	692	1,355	2,047			
Accretion of acquisition-related contingent consideration	49	74	123			
Change in the estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration	310	59	369			
Reclassification of payments due in next12 month to short-term	176	(176)				
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$ 1,556	\$ 1,599	\$3,155			

### NOTE 6. STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

The company has one stock incentive plan. The Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") allows the company to grant stock options and restricted stock to employees, directors, officers and advisors of the company. A maximum of



5,000,000 shares are authorized under the Plan. Options generally vest over a four year period and have a maximum term of five years from the vesting date. The Plan provides that vesting may be accelerated upon the occurrence of certain corporate transactions of the company. The Plan provides that the Board of Directors, or a committee appointed by the Board, has discretion, subject to certain limits, to modify the terms of outstanding options. We recognize non-cash stock-based compensation expense related to the estimated fair value of stock options granted in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 *Compensation—Stock Compensation*.

The following table reflects the components of stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			ne 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,			e 30,
	2	2013	2	2014		2013		2014
				(Dollars in the	housands	)		
Stock option compensation expense included in Corporate expenses	\$	234	\$	215	\$	312	\$	620
Restricted stock shares compensation expense included in Corporate expenses				_		481		_
Stock option compensation expense included in Broadcast operating expenses		48		64		217		189
Stock option compensation expense included in Internet operating expenses		59		36		133		94
Stock option compensation expense included in Publishing operating expenses		10		14		28		29
Total stock-based compensation expense, pre-tax	\$	351	\$	329	\$	1,171	\$	932
Tax provision for stock-based compensation expense		(140)		(132)		(468)		(373)
Total stock-based compensation expense, net of tax	\$	211	\$	197	\$	703	\$	559

## Stock option and restricted stock grants

The Plan allows the company to grant stock options and shares of restricted stock to employees, directors, officers and advisors of the company. For grants of stock options, the option exercise price is set at the closing price of the company's common stock on the date of grant, and the related number of shares underlying the stock option is fixed at that point in time. The Plan also provides for grants of restricted stock. Eligible employees may receive stock options annually with the number of shares and type of instrument generally determined by the employee's salary grade and performance level. In addition, certain management and professional level employees typically receive a stock option grant upon commencement of employment. The Plan does not allow key employees and directors (restricted persons) to exercise options during pre-defined blackout periods. Employees may participate in plans established pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act that allow them to exercise options according to pre-established criteria.

We use the Black-Scholes valuation model to estimate the grant date fair value of stock options and restricted stock. The expected volatility reflects the consideration of the historical volatility of our stock as determined by the closing price over a six to ten year term that is generally commensurate with the expected term of the award. Expected dividends reflect the quarterly distributions authorized and declared on our Class A and Class B common stock as of the grant date. The expected term of the awards are based on evaluations of historical and expected future employee exercise behavior. The risk-free interest rates for periods within the expected term of the award are based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect during the period the options were granted. We use historical data to estimate future forfeiture rates to apply against the gross amount of compensation expense determined using the valuation model.

The weighted-average assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the stock options and restricted stock awards using the Black-Scholes valuation model were as follows for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014:

	Three Months I	Ended June 30,	Six Months Ended June 30		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	
Expected volatility	n/a	67.08%	100.8%	74.98%	
Expected dividends	n/a	2.82%	2.05%	2.70%	
Expected term (in years)	n/a	8.0	6.6	7.8	
Risk-free interest rate	n/a	2.21%	1.06%	2.27%	

Stock option information with respect to the company's stock-based equity plans during the six months ended June 30, 2014 is as follows (Dollars in thousands, except weighted average exercise price and weighted average grant date fair value):

Options	Shares	0	ed Average cise Price	0	ed Average te Fair Value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	ggregate nsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2014	2,162,067	\$	5.09	\$	3.57	5.5 years	\$ 8,491
Granted	25,000						
Exercised	(203,083)						
Forfeited or expired	(70,026)						
Outstanding at June 30, 2014	1,913,958	\$	4.85	\$	3.39	5.4 years	\$ 9,092
Exercisable at June 30, 2014	604,213	\$	5.72	\$	4.14	3.4 years	\$ 2,537
Expected to Vest	1,243,607	\$	4.45	\$	3.04	6.3 years	\$ 6,224

The aggregate intrinsic value represents the difference between the company's closing stock price on June 30, 2014 of \$9.46 and the option exercise price of the shares for stock options that were in the money, multiplied by the number of shares underlying such options. The total fair value of options vested during the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014 was \$0.5 million and \$1.5 million, respectively.

As of June 30, 2014, there was \$1.7 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested awards of stock options. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years.

## NOTE 7. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Changes to accounting principles are established by the FASB in the form of accounting standards updates ("ASU's") to the FASB's Accounting Standards Codification. We consider the applicability and impact of all ASU's. ASU's not listed below were assessed and determined to be not applicable to our financial position or results of operations.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue*from Contracts with Customers*, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The new standard is effective as of the first interim period within annual reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2016, and will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP. Early application is not permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. We are evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. We have not yet selected a transition method nor have we determined the effect of the standard on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or presentation thereof.

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-08, Presentation of Financial Statements and Property, Plant, and Equipment: Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity. ASU 2014-08 limits the requirement to report discontinued operations to disposals of components of an entity that represent strategic shifts that have (or will have) a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. The amendments also require expanded disclosures concerning discontinued operations and disclosures of certain financial results attributable to a disposal of a significant component of an entity that does not qualify for discontinued operations reporting. These amendments are effective prospectively for reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this ASU is not expected to have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or presentation thereof.

## NOTE 8. EQUITY TRANSACTIONS

We account for stock-based compensation expense in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718*Compensation-Stock Expense*. As a result, \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million of non-cash stock-based compensation expense has been recorded to additional paid-in capital for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, in comparison to \$0.4 million and \$1.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013.

The following table shows distributions that have been declared and paid since January 1, 2013:

				Cash E	Distributed
Announcement Date	Payment Date	Amou	nt Per Share	(in th	ousands)
May 27, 2014	June 30, 2014	\$	0.0600	\$	1,514
March 6, 2014	March 31, 2014	\$	0.0575		1,444
November 20, 2013	December 27, 2013	\$	0.0550		1,376
September 12, 2013	October 4, 2013	\$	0.0525		1,308
May 30, 2013	June 28, 2013	\$	0.0500		1,240
March 18, 2013	April 1, 2013	\$	0.0500		1,234

While we intend to pay regular quarterly distributions, the actual declaration of such future distributions and the establishment of the per share amount, record dates, and payment dates are subject to final determination by our Board of Directors and dependent upon future earnings, cash flows, financial requirements, and other factors. Based on the number of shares of Class A and Class B currently outstanding, and the currently approved distribution amount, we expect to pay total annual distributions of approximately \$6.0 million for the year ending December 31, 2014.

## NOTE 9. NOTES PAYABLE AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Salem Communications Corporation has no independent assets or operations, the subsidiary guarantees are full and unconditional and joint and several, and any subsidiaries of the Salem Communications Corporation other than the subsidiary guarantees are minor.



## Term Loan B and Revolving Credit Facility

On March 14, 2013, we entered into a senior secured credit facility, consisting of the Term Loan B of \$300.0 million and a revolving credit facility of \$25.0 million ("Revolver"). The Term Loan B was issued at a discount for total net proceeds of \$298.5 million. The discount is being amortized to non-cash interest expense over the life of the loan using the effective interest method. For each of the three and six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014, approximately \$52,000 and \$62,000, respectively, and \$48,000 and \$94,000, respectively, of the discount has been recognized as interest expense.

The Term Loan B has a term of seven years, in which time the principal amount may be increased by up to an additional \$60.0 million, subject to the terms and conditions of the credit agreement. We are required to make principal payments of \$750,000 per quarter which began on September 30, 2013 for the Term Loan B. Prepayments may be made against the outstanding balance of our Term Loan B. Each repayment of the outstanding Term Loan B is applied ratably to each of the next four principal installments thereof in the direct order of maturity and thereafter to the remaining principal balance in reverse order of maturity.

On March 31, 2014, we repaid \$2.3 million in principal on the Term Loan B and paid interest due as of that date. We recorded an \$8,000 pre-tax loss on the early retirement of long-term debt related to the unamortized discount on the principal repaid. As of June 30, 2014, accrued interest on the Term Loan B was \$0 and there is one quarterly principal payment on Term Loan B due in the next twelve months.

Information regarding repayments of our Term Loan B is as follows:

Date	Principal Paid	Unamortized Discount
	(Dollars in Tho	isands)
March 31, 2014	\$ 2,250	\$ 8
December 30, 2013	750	3
September 30, 2013	4,000	16
June 28, 2013	4,000	14

The Revolver has a term of five years. We report outstanding balances on our Revolver as short-term based on use of the Revolver to fund ordinary and customary operating cash needs with repayments made frequently. We believe that the borrowing capacity under our Term Loan B and Revolver allows us to meet our ongoing operating requirements, fund capital expenditures and satisfy our debt service requirements for at least the next twelve months.

Borrowings under the Term Loan B may be made at LIBOR (subject to a floor of 1.00%) plus a spread of 3.50% or Wells Fargo's base rate plus a spread of 2.50%. Borrowings under the Revolver may be made at LIBOR or Wells Fargo's base rate plus a spread determined by reference to our leverage ratio, as set forth in the pricing grid below. If an event of default occurs under the credit agreement, the applicable interest rate may increase by 2.00% per annum. At June 30, 2014, the blended interest rate on amounts outstanding under the Term Loan B and Revolver was 5.03%.

		Revolver Price	ing
Pricing Level	Consolidated Leverage Ratio	Base Rate Loans	LIBOR Loans
1	Less than 3.00 to 1.00	1.250%	2.250%
2	Greater than or equal to 3.00 to 1.00 but less than 4.00 to 1.00	1.500%	2.500%
3	Greater than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00 but less than 5.00 to 1.00	1.750%	2.750%
4	Greater than or equal to 5.00 to 1.00 but less than 6.00 to 1.00	2.000%	3.000%
5	Greater than or equal to 6.00 to 1.00	2.500%	3.500%

The obligations under the credit agreement and the related loan documents are secured by liens on substantially all of the assets of Salem and its subsidiaries, other than certain exceptions set forth in the Security Agreement, dated as of March 14, 2013, among Salem, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent (the "Security Agreement") and such other related loan documents.

With respect to financial covenants, the credit agreement includes a minimum interest coverage ratio, which started at 1.50 to 1.0 and steps up to 2.50 to 1.0 by 2016 and a maximum leverage ratio, which started at 6.75 to 1.0 and steps down to 5.75 to 1.0 by 2017. The credit agreement also includes other negative covenants that are customary for credit facilities of this type, including covenants that, subject to exceptions described in the credit agreement, restrict the ability of Salem and its subsidiary guarantors: (i) to incur additional indebtedness; (ii) to make investments; (iii) to make distributions, loans or transfers of assets; (iv) to enter into, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any liens; (v) to sell assets; (vi) to enter into transactions with affiliates; or (vii) to merge or consolidate with, or dispose of all or substantially all assets to, a third party. As of June 30, 2014, our leverage ratio was 3.42 compared to our compliance ratio of 2.0. We were in compliance with our debt covenants under the credit facility at June 30, 2014.

## **Terminated Senior Secured Second Lien Notes**

On December 1, 2009, we issued \$300.0 million principal amount of our  $\frac{9}{8\%}$  Notes Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 ("Terminated  $\frac{9}{8\%}$  Notes") at a discount for \$298.1 million resulting in an effective yield of 9.75%. Interest was due and payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2010 until maturity. We were not required to make principal payments on the Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes, which were due in full in December 2016. The Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes were guaranteed by all of our existing domestic restricted subsidiaries. Upon issuance, we were required to pay \$28.9 million per year in interest on the then outstanding Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes. As of December 31, 2012, accrued interest on the Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes was \$0.9 million. The discount was being amortized to interest expense over the term of the Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes based on the effective interest method. For each of the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, approximately \$37,000 and \$0.2 million of the discount, respectively, was recognized as interest expense.

On March 14, 2013, we tendered for \$212.6 million in aggregate principal amount of the Terminated 9/8% Notes for an aggregate purchase price of \$240.3 million, or at a price equal to 110.65% of the face value of the Terminated 95/8% Notes in the Tender Offer. We paid \$22.7 million for this repurchase resulting in a \$26.9 million pre-tax loss on the early retirement of long-term debt, which included approximately \$0.8 million of unamortized discount and \$2.9 million of bond issue costs associated with the Terminated 95/8% Notes. We issued a notice of redemption to redeem any of the Terminated 95/8% Notes that remained outstanding after the expiration date of the Tender Offer. On June 3, 2013, we redeemed the remaining \$0.9 million of the outstanding Terminated 95/8% Notes to satisfy and discharge Salem's obligations under the indenture for the Terminated 95/8% Notes. The carrying value of the Terminated 95/8% Notes was \$212.6 million at December 31, 2012. There are no outstanding Terminated 96/8%Notes as of the effectiveness of the redemption.

Information regarding repurchases and redemptions of the Terminated 95/8% Notes is as follows:

Date	rincipal d/Repurchased	Premium Paid	Unamor Discor		Bond Issue Costs
		(Dollars in thou:	sands)		
June 3, 2013	\$ 903	\$ 27	\$	3	\$ —
March 14, 2013	212,597	22,650		837	2,867
December 12, 2012	4,000	120		17	57
June 1, 2012	17,500	525		80	287
December 12, 2011	12,500	375		62	337
September 6, 2011	5,000	144		26	135
June 1, 2011	17,500	525		93	472
December 1, 2010	12,500	375		70	334
June 1, 2010	17,500	525		105	417

## **Terminated Senior Credit Facility**

On December 1, 2009, we entered into a Revolver ("Terminated Revolver"). We amended the Terminated Revolver on November 1, 2010 to increase the borrowing capacity from \$30 million to \$40 million. The amendment allowed us to use borrowings under the Revolver, subject to the "Available Amount" as defined by the terms of the credit agreement, to redeem applicable portions of the Terminated 95/8% Notes. The calculation of the "Available Amount" also pertained to the payment of dividends when the leverage ratio was above 5.0 to 1.

On November 15, 2011, we completed the Second Amendment of the Terminated Revolver to, among other things, (1) extend the maturity date from December 1, 2012 to December 1, 2014, (2) change the interest rate applicable to LIBOR or the Wells Fargo base rate plus a spread to be determined based on our leverage ratio, (3) allow us to borrow and repay unsecured indebtedness provided certain conditions are met and (4) include step-downs related to our leverage ratio covenant. We incurred \$0.5 million in fees to complete this amendment, which were being amortized over the remaining term of the agreement. The applicable interest rate relating to the amended credit agreement was LIBOR plus a spread of 3.00% per annum or the Base Rate plus a spread of 1.25% per annum, which was adjustable based on our leverage ratio. If an event of default occurred, the interest rate could be increased by 2.00% per annum. Details of the change in our rate based on our leverage ratio were as follows:

		Eurodollar	Applicable Fee
Consolidated Leverage Ratio	Base Rate	Rate Loans	Rate
Less than 3.25 to 1.00	0.75%	2.25%	0.40%
Greater than or equal to 3.25 to 1.00 but less than 4.50 to 1.00	0.75%	2.50%	0.50%
Greater than or equal to 4.50 to 1.00 but less than 6.00 to 1.00	1.25%	3.00%	0.60%
Greater than or equal to 6.00 to 1.00	2.25%	3.50%	0.75%

The Terminated Revolver included a \$5 million subfacility for standby letters of credit and a subfacility for swingline loans of up to \$5 million, subject to the terms and conditions of the credit agreement relating to the Terminated Revolver. In addition to interest charges outlined above, we paid a commitment fee on the unused balance based on the Applicable Fee Rate in the above table. The Terminated Revolver included a \$5 million subfacility for standby letters of credit and a subfacility for swingline loans of up to \$5 million, subject to the terms and conditions of the credit agreement.

The Terminated Revolver was terminated on March 14, 2013 upon entry into our current senior secured credit facility. This termination resulted in a \$0.9 million pre-tax loss on the early retirement of long-term debt related to unamortized credit facility fees. There was no outstanding balance on the Terminated Revolver as of the termination date.

### Terminated Subordinated Credit Facility with First California Bank

On May 21, 2012, we entered into a Business Loan Agreement, Promissory Note and related loan documents with First California Bank (the "FCB Loan"). The FCB Loan was an unsecured, \$10.0 million fixed-term loan with a maturity date of June 15, 2014. The interest rate for the FCB Loan ("Interest Rate") was variable and was equal to the greater of: (a) 4.250% or (b) the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate as published in The Wall Street Journal and reported by FCB plus 1%.

We were required to repay the FCB Loan as follows: (a) twenty-three (23) consecutive monthly interest payments based upon the then-current principal balance outstanding at the then-current Interest Rate commencing on September 15, 2012; (b) seven (7) quarterly consecutive principal payments of \$1.25 million each commencing on September 15, 2012; and (c) one (1) final principal and interest payment on June 15, 2014 of all outstanding and unpaid interest and principal as of such maturity date. The FCB Loan could be prepaid at any time subject to a minimum interest charge of fifty dollars (\$50). If an event of default occurred on the FCB Loan, the Interest Rate could have been increased by 5.00% per annum.

The FCB loan was terminated on March 14, 2013 upon entry into our current senior secured credit facility. This termination resulted in a \$33,000 pre-tax loss on the early retirement of long-term debt for unamortized credit facility fees. There was no outstanding balance on the FCB Loan as of the termination date.

#### Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties

On November 17, 2011, we entered into subordinated lines of credit "Terminated Subordinated Debt due Related Parties" with Edward G. Atsinger III, Chief Executive Officer and director of Salem, and Stuart W. Epperson, Chairman of Salem's Board of Directors. Pursuant to the related agreements, Mr. Epperson committed to provide an unsecured revolving line of credit to Salem in a principal amount of up to \$3 million, and Mr. Atsinger committed to provide an unsecured revolving line of credit in a principal amount of up to \$6 million. On May 21, 2012, we also entered into a subordinated line of credit with Roland S. Hinz, a Salem board member. Mr. Hinz committed to provide an unsecured revolving line of credit in a principal amount of up to \$6 million. On September 12, 2012, we amended and restated the original subordinated line of credit with Mr. Hinz to increase the unsecured revolving line of credit by \$6 million for a total line of credit of up to \$12 million.

The proceeds of the Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties could be used to repurchase a portion of the Terminated 9/8% Notes. Outstanding amounts under each subordinated line of credit bore interest at a rate equal to the lesser of (1) 5% per annum and (2) the maximum rate permitted for subordinated debt under the Terminated Revolver referred to above plus 2% per annum. Interest was payable at the time of any repayment of principal. In addition, outstanding amounts under each subordinated line of credit were required to be repaid within three (3) months from the time that such amounts are borrowed, with the exception of the subordinated line of credit with Mr. Hinz, which was to be repaid within six (6) months from the time that such amounts were borrowed. The Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties did not contain any covenants. On March 14, 2013, we repaid these lines of credit upon entry into our current senior secured credit facility. On April 3, 2013, we provided written notice to Messrs. Atsinger, Epperson and Hinz electing to terminate the Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties and related agreements effective as of May 3, 2013. There were no outstanding balances on the Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties as of the termination date.

#### Summary of long-term debt obligations

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	As of I	As of December 31, 2013		June 30, 2014
		(Dollars in th	ousands)	
Term Loan B	\$	289,939	\$	287,791
Revolver		_		674
Capital leases and other loans		854		792
		290,793		289,257
Less current portion		(3,121)		(1,541)
	\$	287,672	\$	287,716

In addition to the outstanding amounts listed above, we also have interest payments related to our long-term debt as follows as of June 30, 2014:

- Outstanding borrowings of \$289.0 million under the Term Loan B with interest payments due at LIBOR (subject to a floor of 1.00%) plus 3.50% or prime rate plus 2.50%; and
- Outstanding borrowings of \$0.7 million under the Revolver, with interest payments due at LIBOR plus 3.00% or at prime rate plus 2.00%.

## Other Debt

We have several capital leases related to various office equipment. The obligation recorded at December 31, 2013 and June 30, 2014 represents the present value of future commitments under the lease agreements.

## Maturities of Long-Term Debt

Principal repayment requirements under all long-term debt agreements outstanding at June 30, 2014 for each of the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

	Amount
For the Twelve Months Ended June 30,	(Dollars in thousands)
2015	\$ 1,541
2016	3,096
2017	3,097
2018	3,099
2019	3,089
Thereafter	275,335
	\$ 289,257

## NOTE 10. DEFERRED FINANCING COSTS

Deferred financing costs consist of bank loan fees incurred upon entering our Term Loan B and Revolver as of June 30, 2013. The costs are being amortized over the seven year term of the Term Loan B and the five year term of the Revolver as an adjustment to interest expense. Deferred financing costs were \$4.1 million and \$3.8 million at December 31, 2013 and June 30, 2014, respectively.

## NOTE 11. AMORTIZABLE INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The following tables provide details, by major category, of the significant classes of amortizable intangible assets:

		As of June 30, 2014			
		Accumulated			
	Cost	Cost Amortization			
		(Dollars in thousands)			
Customer lists and contracts	\$19,910	\$ (15,213)	\$ 4,697		
Domain and brand names	15,429	(8,920)	6,509		
Favorable and assigned leases	2,358	(1,749)	609		
Subscriber base and lists	4,302	(2,263)	2,039		
Author relationships	2,245	(971)	1,274		
Non-compete agreements	888	(618)	270		
Other amortizable intangible assets	1,336	(1,336)			
	\$46,468	\$ (31,070)	\$15,398		

		As of December 31, 2013	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net
		(Dollars in thousands)	
Customer lists and contracts	\$17,170	\$ (13,830)	\$3,340
Domain and brand names	12,700	(8,124)	4,576
Favorable and assigned leases	2,358	(1,701)	657
Subscriber base and lists	1,856	(1,856)	
Author relationships	563	(563)	
Non-compete agreements	743	(550)	193
Other amortizable intangible assets	1,336	(1,309)	27
	\$36,726	\$ (27,933)	\$8,793



Based on the amortizable intangible assets as of June 30, 2014, we estimate amortization expense for the next five years to be as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Amortization Expense (Dollars in thousands)
2014 (1.1 D)	
2014 (July – Dec)	\$ 3,055
2015	4,844
2016	2,927
2017	1,525
2018	1,311
Thereafter	1,736
Total	\$ 15,398

## NOTE 12. BASIC AND DILUTED NET EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic net earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of Class A and Class B shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted net earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of shares of Class A and Class B common stock outstanding during the period plus the dilutive effects of stock options.

Options to purchase 2,410,330 and 1,913,958 shares of Class A common stock were outstanding at June 30, 2013 and 2014, respectively. Diluted weighted average shares outstanding exclude outstanding stock options whose exercise price is in excess of the average price of the company's stock price. These options are excluded from the respective computations of diluted net income or loss per share because their effect would be anti-dilutive. As of June 30, 2013 and 2014 there were 887,219 and 777,904 dilutive shares, respectively.

### NOTE 13. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

We are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates. We actively monitor these fluctuations and use derivative instruments from time to time to manage the related risk. In accordance with our risk management strategy, we may use derivative instruments only for the purpose of managing risk associated with an asset, liability, committed transaction, or probable forecasted transaction that is identified by management. Our use of derivative instruments may result in short-term gains or losses that may increase the volatility of our earnings.

Under FASB ASC Topic 815 Derivatives and Hedging the effective portion of the gain or loss on a derivative instrument designated and qualifying as a cash flow hedging instrument shall be reported as a component of other comprehensive income (outside earnings) and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. The remaining gain or loss on the derivative instrument, if any, shall be recognized currently in earnings.

On March 27, 2013, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A that began on March 28, 2014 with a notional principal amount of \$150.0 million. The agreement was entered to offset risks associated with the variable interest rate on our Term Loan B. Payments on the swap are due on a quarterly basis with a LIBOR floor of 0.625%. The swap expires on March 28, 2019 at a fixed rate of 1.645%. The interest rate swap agreement was not designated as a cash flow hedge, and as a result, all changes in the fair value are recognized in the current period statement of operations rather than through other comprehensive income. We recorded an asset of \$0.7 million as of June 30, 2014, representing the fair value of the interest rate swap agreement. The swap was valued based on observable inputs for similar assets and liabilities and other observable inputs for interest rates and yield curves, which are classified within Level 2 inputs in the fair value hierarchy described in Note 14.

## NOTE 14. FAIR VALUE ACCOUNTING

FASB ASC Topic 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures established a hierarchal disclosure framework associated with the level of pricing observability utilized in measuring fair value. This framework defines three levels of inputs to the fair value measurement process and requires that each fair value measurement be assigned to a level corresponding to the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The three broad levels of inputs defined by the FASB ASC Topic 820 hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 Inputs—quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the
measurement date;

- Level 2 Inputs—inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, a Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and
- Level 3 Inputs—unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. These unobservable inputs reflect the entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, and are developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (which might include the reporting entity's own data).

As of June 30, 2014, the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivables, accounts payable, accrued expenses and accrued interest approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of such instruments. The carrying value of other long-term liabilities approximates fair value as the related interest rates approximate rates currently available to the company. The following table summarizes the fair value of our financial assets that are measured at fair value:

		Ļ				
		Fair Value	Fair Valu	ie Measurement Ca	Category	
	and Carrying Value on Balance Sheet		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	232	\$ 232	\$ —	\$ —	
Trade accounts receivable, net		35,462	35,462		—	
Fair value of interest rate swap		708	_	708		
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable		4,065	4 065			
Accrued expenses including estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration		11,783	10,227		1,556	
Accrued interest		404	404			
Long term liabilities including estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration		3,945	2,346	_	1,599	
Long-term debt		289,257	289,257	_	—	

## NOTE 15. INCOME TAXES

We account for income taxes in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 740*Income Taxes*. There were no adjustments to the balance of our unrecognized tax benefits as of June 30, 2013 and 2014. At December 31, 2013, we had \$0.9 million in liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits. Included in this liability amount were \$0.02 million accrued for the related interest, net of federal income tax benefits, and \$0.02 million for the related penalty recorded in income tax expense on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. We expect to reduce the reserve balance by \$0.4 million over the next twelve months due to statute expirations.

## Valuation Allowance (Deferred Taxes)

For financial reporting purposes, we recorded a valuation allowance of \$2.9 million as of June 30, 2014 to offset a portion of the deferred tax assets related to the state net operating loss carryforwards. We regularly review our financial forecasts in an effort to determine our ability to utilize the net operating loss carryforwards for tax purposes. Accordingly, the valuation allowance is adjusted periodically based on our estimate of the benefit the company will receive from such carryforwards.

## NOTE 16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

We enter into various agreements in the normal course of business that contain minimum guarantees. The typical minimum guarantee is tied to future revenue amounts that exceed the contractual level. Accordingly, the fair value of these arrangements is zero.

The company and its subsidiaries, incident to its business activities, are parties to a number of legal proceedings, lawsuits, arbitration and other claims. Such matters are subject to many uncertainties and outcomes that are not predictable with assurance. The company maintains insurance that may provide coverage for such matters. Consequently, the company is unable to ascertain the ultimate aggregate amount of monetary liability or the financial impact with respect to these matters. We do not believe, at this time, that these legal proceedings, individually and in the aggregate, give rise to a reasonable likelihood of material loss to the company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

## NOTE 17. SEGMENT DATA

FASB ASC Topic 280 Segment Reporting requires companies to provide certain information about their operating segments. We operate in three segments — radio broadcasting, Internet and publishing — of which our radio broadcasting and Internet segment are reportable segments. Our radio broadcasting segment operates radio stations throughout the United States, as well as various radio networks and our sales groups. Our Internet segment operates all of our websites, digital publications and consumer product sales. Our publishing segment operates Regnery Publishing, our print magazines and Xulon Press, a print-on-demand book publisher.

Management uses operating income before depreciation, amortization, impairments and (gain) loss on sale or disposal of assets, as its measure of profitability for purposes of assessing performance and allocating resources.

	Radio Broadcast	Internet : e-comme		Pul	olishing	Cor	porate	Сог	nsolidated
			(	Dollars	in thousan				
Three Months Ended June 30, 2014									
Net revenue	\$ 47,855	\$ 14,3	90	\$	6,392	\$	—	\$	68,637
Operating expenses	33,910	10,0	63		6,439		5,458		55,870
Net operating income (loss) before depreciation, amortization and loss on disposal of assets	<u>\$ 13,945</u>	<u>\$</u> 4,3	27	\$	(47)	<u>\$</u> (	5,458)	\$	12,767
Depreciation	1,995	7	61		133		278		3,167
Amortization	24	1,2	02		303		—		1,529
Change in estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration	—		90		152		—		242
Loss on disposal of assets	338								338
Net operating income (loss) from continuing operations	<u>\$ 11,588</u>	<u>\$ 2,2</u>	74	\$	(635)	<u>\$</u> (	5 <u>,736</u> )	\$	7,491
Three Months Ended June 30, 2013									
Net revenue	\$ 47,025	\$ 9,9	06	\$	3,205	\$		\$	60,136
Operating expenses	30,844	6,8	87		3,452		5,092		46,275
Net operating income (loss) before depreciation, amortization, impairments and loss on disposal									
of assets	\$ 16,181	\$ 3,0	19	\$	(247)	\$ (	5,092)	\$	13,861
Depreciation	1,964		44		118		276		3,102
Amortization	43	e	43		2				688
Impairment of indefinite-lived long-term assets other than goodwill	_	-	_		345				345
Impairment of goodwill		-	_		438		_		438
Loss on disposal of assets	1	-	_		—		_		1
Net operating income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 14,173	\$ 1,0	32	\$	(1,150)	\$ (	5,368)	\$	9,287

	Radio Broadcast	Internet and e-commerce	Publishing	Corporate	Consolidated
		(1	Dollars in thousana	ls)	
Six Months Ended June 30, 2014					
Net revenue	\$ 93,431	\$ 27,300	\$ 10,239	\$	\$ 130,970
Operating expenses	65,099	19,880	10,858	12,288	108,125
Net operating income (loss) before depreciation, amortization and loss on disposal of assets	\$ 28,332	\$ 7,420	<u>\$ (619)</u>	<u>\$ (12,288</u> )	\$ 22,845
Depreciation	3,983	1,514	234	565	6,296
Amortization	52	2,480	605	_	3,137
Change in estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration	_	217	152	_	369
Loss on disposal of assets	221				221
Net operating income (loss) from continuing operations	<u>\$ 24,076</u>	<u>\$ 3,209</u>	<u>\$ (1,610)</u>	<u>\$ (12,853</u> )	<u>\$ 12,822</u>
Six Months Ended June 30, 2013					
Net revenue	\$ 90,272	\$ 19,622	\$ 5,870	\$ —	\$ 115,764
Operating expenses	60,411	13,728	6,475	10,888	91,502
Net operating income (loss) before depreciation, amortization, impairments and loss on					
disposal of assets	\$ 29,861	<u>\$ 5,894</u>	<u>\$ (605)</u>	<u>\$ (10,888)</u>	\$ 24,262
Depreciation	3,937	1,487	234	566	6,224
Amortization	78	1,299	4	_	1,381
Impairment of indefinite-lived long-term assets other than goodwill	_	_	345	_	345
Impairment of goodwill	_	_	438		438
Loss on disposal of assets	5				5
Net operating income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 25,841	\$ 3,108	\$ (1,626)	<u>\$ (11,454</u> )	\$ 15,869

	Radio	Internet and			
	Broadcast	e-commerce	Publishing	Corporate	Consolidated
			(Dollars in thousan	ds)	
As of June 30, 2014					
Inventories	\$ —	\$ 390	\$ 350	s —	\$ 740
Property, plant and equipment, net	84,117	6,936	2,041	8,374	101,468
Broadcast licenses	385,836		_	_	385,548
Goodwill	3,954	19,677	1,088	8	24,727
Other indefinite-lived intangible assets					
-	—	—	868	—	868
Amortizable intangible assets, net	609	12,255	2,533	1	15,398
As of December 31, 2013					
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 82,457	\$ 6,402	\$ 1,596	\$ 8,473	\$ 98,928
Broadcast licenses	381,836				381,836
Goodwill	3,917	17,550	899	8	22,374
Other indefinite-lived intangible assets	_		868	_	868
Amortizable intangible assets, net	661	8,119	11	2	8,793

## NOTE 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events reflect all applicable transactions through the date of the filing.

## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

## GENERAL

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report. Our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are not directly comparable from period to period due to acquisitions and dispositions of selected assets of radio stations and acquisitions of various Internet and publishing businesses. See Note 4 of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

Salem is a diversified multi-media company with integrated business operations covering radio broadcasting, content programming, publishing, and the Internet. Our programming is intended for audiences interested in Christian and family-themed content and conservative news talk.

We maintain a website at www.salem.cc. Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports are available free of charge through our website as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports are electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Any information found on our website is not a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this or any other report of the company filed with, or furnished to, the SEC.

## **Broadcast Segment**

Our foundational business is the ownership and operation of radio stations in large metropolitan markets. Our broadcasting business also includes Salem Radio Network<sup>®</sup> ("SRN"), SRN News Network ("SNN"), Salem Music Network ("SMN"), Solid Gospel Network ("SGN"), Salem Media Representatives ("SMR") and Vista Media Representatives ("VMR"). SRN, SNN, SMN and SGN are networks that produce and distribute programming, such as talk, news and music segments to radio stations throughout the United States, including Salem owned and operated stations. SMR and VMR sell commercial airtime to national advertisers on radio stations and networks that we own, as well as on independent radio station affiliates.

Our broadcast revenues are generated from the sale of local and national advertising time, the sale of local and national programming time, the sale of network programs, and locally sponsored events. Broadcast revenues are impacted by the program rates our radio stations charge, the level of broadcast airtime sold and by the advertising rates our radio stations and networks charge. The rates for block programming time are based upon our stations' ability to attract audiences that will support the program producers through contributions and purchases of their products. Advertising rates are based upon the demand for advertising time, which in turn is based on our stations and networks' ability to produce results for their advertisers. We do not subscribe to traditional audience measuring services for most of our radio stations. Instead, we have marketed ourselves to advertisers based upon the responsiveness of our audiences. In selected markets, we subscribe to Nielsen Audio, which develops quarterly reports to measure a radio station's audience share in the demographic groups targeted by advertisers. Each of our radio stations and our networks has a pre-determined level of time that they make available for block programming and/or advertising, which may vary at different times of the day.

Nielsen Audio has developed technology to collect data for its ratings service. The Portable People Mete<sup>TM</sup> ("PPM") is a small device that does not require active manipulation by the end user and is capable of automatically measuring radio, television, Internet, satellite radio and satellite television signals that are encoded for the service by the broadcaster. The PPM offers a number of advantages over the traditional diary ratings collection system including ease of use, more reliable ratings data and shorter time periods between when advertising runs and when audience listening or viewing habits can be reported. This service is already in a number of our markets and is scheduled to be introduced in more markets in the future. In markets where we subscribe to Nielsen Audio under the PPM, our ratings have been less consistent. PPM data can fluctuate when changes are made to the "panel" (a group of individuals holding PPM devices). As a result, all radio broadcast stations, including ours, are susceptible to some inconsistencies in ratings that may or may not accurately reflect the actual number of listeners at any given time.

As is typical in the radio broadcasting industry, our second and fourth quarter advertising revenue generally exceeds our first and third quarter advertising revenue. This seasonal fluctuation in advertising revenue corresponds with quarterly fluctuations in the retail advertising industry. Additionally, we experience increased demand for advertising time during election years for political advertisements. Quarterly revenue from the sale of block programming time does not tend to vary significantly because program rates are generally set annually and are recognized on a per program basis. We currently program 41 of our stations with our Christian Teaching and Talk format, which is long-form talk programming with Christian and family themes. We also program 27 News Talk stations, 12 Contemporary Christian Music stations, 10 Business format stations, and eight Spanish-language Christian Teaching and Talk stations. Our business format stations operate similar to our Christian Teaching and Talk format in that they also feature long form block programming, but with financial experts, business talk, and nationally recognized Bloomberg programming. Our remaining stations are programmed in various other formats including ethnic, country and oldies.

Our cash flow is historically affected by a transitional period experienced by radio stations when, due to the nature of the radio station, our plans for the market and other circumstances, we find it beneficial to change its format. This transitional period is when we develop a radio station's listener and customer base. During this period, a station may generate negative or insignificant cash flow.

In the broadcasting industry, radio stations often utilize trade or barter agreements to exchange advertising time for goods or services in lieu of cash. In order to preserve the sale of our advertising time for cash, we generally enter into trade agreements only if the goods or services bartered to us will be used in our business. We have minimized our use of trade agreements and have generally sold most of our advertising time for cash. In 2013, we sold 97 % of our broadcast revenue for cash. Our general policy is not to preempt advertising paid for in cash with advertising paid for in trade.

The primary operating expenses incurred in the ownership and operation of our radio stations include: (i) employee salaries, commissions and related employee benefits and taxes, (ii) facility expenses such as rent and utilities, (iii) marketing and promotional expenses, (iv) production and programming expenses, and (v) music license fees. In addition to these expenses, our network incurs programming costs and lease expenses for satellite communication facilities. We also incur and expect to continue to incur significant depreciation, amortization and interest expense as a result of completed and future acquisitions and existing and future borrowings.

#### Internet & e-commerce Segment

Internet and e-commerce has been a significant area of growth for Salem and continues to be a prime focus for our future development. Salem Web Network<sup>™</sup> ("SWN") and our other Internet businesses provide Christian and conservative-themed content, audio and video streaming, and other resources digitally through the web. SWN's Internet portals include Christian content websites: OnePlace.com, Christianity.com, Crosswalk.com®, GodVine.com, Jesus.org and BibleStudyTools.com. Our conservative opinion websites include Townhall.com<sup>™</sup> and HotAir.com. Townhall.com also operates Twitchy.com and as of January 10, 2014, HumanEvents.com and RedState.com. All of our digital content is accessible through our radio station websites that also promote local content of interest to our audiences throughout the United States.

Our Internet and e-commerce segment also operates church product websites including WorshipHouseMedia.com, SermonSpice.com and ChurchStaffing.com. We offer books, DVD's and editorial content developed by our on-air personalities through the Salem Consumer Products website. As of January 10, 2014, our Internet and e-commerce segment includes e-book sales through Regnery Publishing; Eagle Financial Publications distribution of digitally delivered newsletters featuring market analysis and investment advice; and Eagle Wellness, offering complementary health advice as well as nutritional products.

Our Internet and e-commerce revenues are generated from sales of digital advertising, streaming services, e-books, digital e-mail and newsletter subscriptions, product sales and royalties, consumer products including e-book sales, DVD's, and editorial materials created by our on-air hosts, wellness products, and video and graphic downloads. The revenues of these businesses are reported as Internet and e-commerce revenue on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Similarly to our broadcasting segment, our second and fourth quarter advertising revenue generally exceeds our first and third quarter advertising revenue. This seasonal fluctuation in advertising revenue corresponds with quarterly fluctuations in the retail advertising industry. We also experience fluctuations in quarter over quarter comparisons based on the date in which the Easter holiday is observed as this holiday generates a higher volume of video downloads associated with church products. Additionally, we experience increased demand for advertising time and placement during election years for political advertisements.

The primary operating expenses incurred in the ownership and operation of our Internet businesses include: (i) employee salaries, commissions and related employee benefits and taxes, (ii) facility expenses such as rent and utilities, (iii) marketing and promotional expenses, (iv) royalties, (v) streaming costs and (vi) costs of goods sold associated with Eagle Wellness products.

## **Publishing Segment**

Our acquisition of Regnery Publishing on January 10, 2014, represents a major shift in our publishing segment. Regnery Publishing is a publisher of conservative books that was founded in 1947. Regnery has published dozens of bestselling books by leading conservative authors and personalities, including Ann Coulter, Newt Gingrich, Michelle Malkin, David Limbaugh, Ed Klein, Laura Ingraham, Mark Steyn and Dinesh D'Souza.

Our publishing segment also includes Salem Publishing<sup>™</sup>, a producer and distributor of Christian and conservative opinion print magazines and Xulon Press<sup>™</sup>, a printon-demand self-publishing service for Christian authors.

Publishing revenues include the sale of books, advertising in and subscriptions to our print magazines, and revenues from fees paid by authors in association with the publishing, editing and marketing of their books. Revenues of these entities are reported as

publishing on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Book publishing revenues and cash flows are typically higher in the second and fourth quarter of each year when bigger titles are released. Print magazine revenues are higher in the second and fourth quarter as we publish more titles in those quarters. Similarly to our broadcasting segment, our second and fourth quarter advertising revenue generally exceeds our first and third quarter advertising revenue. This seasonal fluctuation in advertising revenue corresponds with quarterly fluctuations in the retail advertising industry. Additionally, we experience increased demand for advertising placement during election years for political advertisements.

The primary operating expenses incurred by Salem Publishing<sup>™</sup> include: (i) employee salaries, commissions and related employee benefits and taxes, (ii) facility expenses such as rent and utilities, (iii) marketing and promotional expenses (iv) printing and production costs, including paper costs, (v) cost of goods sold and (vi) inventory reserves associated with Regnery Publishing.

## **OVERVIEW**

Our radio-broadcasting segment derives revenue primarily from the sale of block programming time and advertising, both at a national and local level.

Our principal sources of broadcast revenue include:

- the sale of block program time, both to national and local program producers;
- the sale of advertising time on our radio stations, both to national and local advertisers;
- · the sale of advertising time on our national radio network; and
- revenue derived from radio station sponsored events.

The rates we are able to charge for broadcast time and advertising time are dependent upon several factors, including:

- audience share;
- how well our stations perform for our clients;
- the size of the market;
- · the general economic conditions in each market; and
- supply and demand on both a local and national level.

Our principal sources of Internet and e-commerce revenue include:

- the sale of digital advertising;
- · the support and promotion to stream third-party content on our websites;
- e-books;
- · digital e-mail and newsletter subscriptions;
- product sales and royalties for on-air host materials including editorial publications;
- nutritional product sales; and
- video and graphic downloads.

Our principal sources of publishing revenue include:

- the sale of books;
- subscription fees for our magazines;
- the sale of print magazine advertising; and
- fees from authors for book publishing.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

## Three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2013

The following factors affected our results of operations and cash flows for the three months ended June 30, 2014 as compared to the same period of the prior year:

### Equity

On May 27, 2014, we announced a quarterly distribution in the amount of \$0.06 per share on Class A and Class B common stock. The quarterly distribution of \$1.5 million was paid on June 30, 2014 to all Class A and Class B common stockholders of record as of June 16, 2014.

Acquisitions

- On June 6, 2014, we made an early payment of \$1.5 million in cash against the \$2.5 million deferred payment liability due January 2015 for our acquisition of entities of Eagle Publishing.
- On May 22, 2014, we completed the acquisition of radio station WOCN-AM, Miami, Florida and the related transmitter site for \$2.5 million in cash.
- On May 6, 2014, we completed the acquisition of WRTH-FM (formerly WOLT-FM) in Greenville, South Carolina for \$1.1 million in cash.
- On April 14, 2014, we completed the acquisition of three FM translators for \$0.4 million in cash. The FM translators will serve our Orlando, Florida, Tampa, Florida and Omaha, Nebraska markets.

## Net Broadcast Revenue

		Three Months Ended June 30,						
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014		
		(Dollars in	% of Total Net Revenue					
Net Broadcast Revenue	\$47,025	\$47,855	\$ 830	1.8%	78.2%	69.7%		
Same Station Net Broadcast Revenue	\$47,025	\$47,557	\$ 532	1.1%				

The following table shows the dollar amount and percentage of net broadcast revenue for each broadcast revenue source.

	T 201	hree Months E	nded June 30, 201	4	
	201	) (Dollars in t		<u>.                                    </u>	
Block program time:		(			
National	\$11,111	23.6%	\$11,176	23.4%	
Local	7,841	16.7%	8,267	17.3%	
	18,952	40.3%	19,443	40.7%	
dvertising:			, i		
National	3,638	7.7%	3,752	7.8%	
Local	16,230	34.6%	16,597	34.7%	
	19,868	42.3%	20,349	42.5%	
Infomercials	1,430	3.0%	1,059	2.2%	
Network	3,805	8.1%	3,887	8.1%	
Other	2,970	6.3%	3,117	6.5%	
let broadcast revenue	\$47,025	100.0%	\$47,855	100.0%	

Block programming revenue increased \$0.5 million, of which \$0.4 million was generated from local programming on our News Talk, Christian Teaching & Talk and Spanish Christian Teaching & Talk format stations. The increase reflects a greater number of programmers featured on-air with corresponding increases in demand for premium time slots that results in the realization of higher rates.

Advertising revenue increased \$0.5 million of which \$0.3 million was due to political based advertisements associated with local and congressional elections and \$0.2 million was due to higher advertising volume from local advertisers.

Declines in infomercial revenues of \$0.4 million reflect our ongoing efforts to rebrand our stations. We continue to promote our stations through local events and speaking engagements that allow us to focus on programming and content consistent with our company values while moving away from infomercials.

The increase in network revenues reflects the increase in compensation received for network programs in select larger markets.

The increase in other revenue of approximately \$0.2 million reflects event revenue from attendance and sponsorships of various local events held during this period.

#### Internet and e-commerce Revenue

		Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2013 2014 Change \$ Change %				2014	
	(De	ollars in thousa	unds)		% of Total Ne	t Revenue	
Internet and e-commerce Revenue	\$9,906	\$14,390	\$ 4,484	45.3%	16.5%	21.0%	

We continue to acquire and build websites to deliver our content to viewers. On January 10, 2014, we acquired and began operating Eagle Financial Publications, Eagle Wellness and Regnery Publishing, which has an e-book segment, each of which is reported in our Internet and e-commerce segment. During 2013, we acquired Christnotes.org, Godupdates.org and Twitchy.com which we began operating on December 10, 2013. The \$4.5 million increase in Internet and e-commerce revenues includes \$3.2 million of revenue associated with the Eagle entities and approximately \$0.1 million of revenue from Twitchy.com. On all other

digital platforms, advertising and remnant sales increased \$0.7 million based on higher volumes and revenue from video and graphic downloads increased \$0.3 million due to the timing of the Easter holiday in the second quarter of 2014 as compared to the first quarter of 2013.

## **Publishing Revenue**

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2013 2014 Change \$ Change %				2014
	(D	ollars in thousa	% of Total N	et Revenue		
Publishing Revenue	\$3,205	\$6,392	\$ 3,187	99.4%	5.3%	9.3%

Our acquisition of Regnery Publishing on January 10, 2014 represents a key opportunity for our publishing segment. Regnery Publishing generated \$2.8 million in net book sales, or \$4.6 million in gross sales (exclusive of e-books) less estimated sales returns and allowances of \$1.8 million during the three month period ending June 30, 2014. Xulon Press, our print-on-demand book publisher, generated an increase of \$0.4 million in author submission and marketing fees due to an increase in the number of authors utilizing these services. Declining subscriber levels continue to challenge our print magazines which resulted in a decline in revenue of \$0.1 million.

## **Broadcast Operating Expenses**

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(Do	llars in thousa	nds)		% of Total Ne	t Revenue
Broadcast Operating Expenses	\$30,844	\$33,910	\$ 3,066	9.9%	51.3%	49.4%
Same Station Broadcast Operating Expenses	\$30,844	\$33,498	\$ 2,654	8.6%		

Broadcast operating expenses reflect higher variable expenses associated with higher revenues, including a \$0.9 million increase in advertising and event costs, a \$0.8 million increase in personnel-related costs that includes sales commissions, a \$0.5 million increase in facility-related costs due to additional locations acquired, a \$0.3 million increase in travel costs, including acquisition related site visits and a \$0.3 million increase in legal fees.

## **Internet Operating Expenses**

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(De	ollars in thousa	unds)		% of Total Ne	et Revenue
Internet Operating Expenses	\$6,887	\$10,063	\$ 3,176	46.1%	11.5%	14.7%

We utilize cost and operational efficiencies where possible by consolidating administrative and technical support, as well as the use of shared facilities and other resources. During 2014, we acquired Eagle Financial Publications, Eagle Wellness and Regnery Publishing, which has an e-book segment, the expenses of which are reported as Internet operating expenses. Increases in Internet operating expenses of \$3.2 million include \$2.0 million of operating costs incurred by Eagle entities. Across all other digital platforms, we see higher variable expenses consistent with higher revenues, including a \$0.5 million increase in personnel and related costs that includes sales commissions, a \$0.5 million increase in streaming and hosting expense, a \$0.1 million increase in royalties, and a \$0.1 million increase in bad debt reserves.

## **Publishing Operating Expenses**

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(De	ollars in thousa	% of Total Net Revenue			
Publishing Operating Expenses	\$3,452	\$6,439	\$ 2,987	86.5%	5.7%	9.4%

During 2014, we acquired Regnery Publishing, a book publisher reported within our publishing segment exclusive of e-book operations. We began operating Regnery Publishing on January 10, 2014 and recognized \$2.9 million of expenses associated with this entity during the three month period ending June 30, 2014. Xulon Press, our printon-demand book publisher, incurred higher variable costs associated with revenue growth, including an increase of \$0.1 million in personnel-related costs due to an increase in the number of employees and hours worked to meet production demands from the higher revenue volume.

## **Corporate Expenses**

	Three Months Ended June 30,						
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014	
	(Dollars in thousands)				% of Total Net Revenue		
Corporate Expenses	\$5,092	\$5,458	\$ 366	7.2%	8.5%	8.0%	

Corporate expenses include shared general and administrative services. Increases over the same period of the prior year include \$0.1 million of personnel-related costs, \$0.1 million of travel and entertainment expenses, and \$0.1 million of facility-related costs. These increases in shared general and administrative services are consistent with our acquisition related growth and development.

## **Depreciation Expense**

	Three Months Ended June 30,						
	2013	2014	Char	ge \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(Dollars in thousands)					% of Total Net Revenue	
Depreciation Expense	\$3,102	\$3,167	\$	65	2.1%	5.2%	4.6%

Depreciation expense is consistent with that of the same period of the prior year.

## **Amortization Expense**

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014	
(1	(Dollars in thousands)				% of Total Net Revenue	
\$688	\$1,529	\$ 841	122.2%	1.1%	2.2%	

Our acquisition activity, including Christnotes.org, Godupdates.org and Twitchy.com in 2013 and Eagle in January 2014 consist of intangible assets such as advertising agreements, customer lists and domain names, with estimated useful lives ranging from one to five years. Amortization expense increases over the life of these assets based on the acquisition date.

## Change in the Estimated Fair Value of Contingent Earn-Out Consideration

	Three Months Ended June 30,						
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014	
	(1	Dollars in thou	% of Total Net Revenue				
Change in the estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration	\$—	\$242	\$ 242	100.0%	— %	0.4%	

On December 10, 2013, we recorded an estimate of contingent earn-out consideration payable upon achievement of page view milestones over a two year period related to our acquisition of Twitchy.com. Using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model, we estimated the fair value of the \$1.2 million total contingent earn-out consideration at the present value of \$0.6 million as of the closing date. During the three month period ending June 30, 2014, we noted that actual page views were slightly higher than those expected at the time of our original projections. We increased our page view estimates and revised the probability-weighted discounted cash flow model for our updated projections. We recorded a \$0.1 million increase in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration, which is reflected in our results of operations for the current period. We will review our estimates quarterly over the remaining earn-out period of 1.50 years.

On January 10, 2014, we recorded an estimate of contingent earn-out consideration payable upon achievement of certain revenue benchmarks over a three year period related to the acquisition of the Eagle entities. Using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model, we recorded the estimated fair value of the \$8.5 million total contingent earn-out consideration at the present value of \$2.0 million as of the closing date. There were no changes in our estimates as of the three months ending March 31, 2014. During the three month period ending June 30, 2014, we observed actual revenues that were higher than those projected in our original estimates. We increased our revenue estimates and revised the probability-weighted discounted cash flow model for the updated projections. We recorded a \$0.2 million increase in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration for the three months ending June 30, 2014, which is reflected in our results of operations for this period. We will review our estimates quarterly over the remaining earn-out period of 2.75 years.

Any changes in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration, up to the total contractual amount, will be reflected in our results of operations in future periods as they are identified. Changes in the fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration may materially impact and cause volatility in our future operating results.

## Impairment of Indefinite-Lived Long-Term Assets Other than Goodwill

	Three Months Ended June 30,						
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014	
	(Dollars in thousands)					% of Total Net Revenue	
Impairment of indefinite-lived long-term assets other than goodwill	\$345	\$—	\$ (345)	(100.0)%	0.6%	— %	

Due to actual operating results that did not meet or exceed our expectations or the assumptions used in our prior valuations, we performed an interim valuation of our mastheads as of June 30, 2013. We determined that the carrying value of the mastheads was less than the estimated fair value. We recorded an impairment charge of \$0.3 million associated with the mastheads in our publishing division during that period. There were no indications of impairment present as of the period ending June 30, 2014.

#### **Impairment of Goodwill**

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(D	ollars in thou	% of Total Net Revenue			
Impairment of goodwill	\$438	\$—	\$ (438)	(100.0)%	0.7%	— %

Due to actual operating results that did not meet or exceed our expectations or the assumptions used in our prior valuations, we performed an interim valuation of our print magazines as of June 30, 2013. We determined that the carrying value of the goodwill was less than the estimated fair value. We recorded an impairment charge of \$0.4 million associated with the goodwill previously recorded in our print magazine division during that period. There were no indications of impairment present as of the period ending June 30, 2014.

#### Loss on the Sale or Disposal of Assets

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(1	(Dollars in thousands)				
Loss on the sale or disposal of assets	\$ 1	\$338	\$ 337	33,700.0%	%	0.5%

The net loss on the sale or disposal of assets for the three months ended June 30, 2014 includes \$0.2 million loss associated with the write-off of a receivable from a prior station sale, a \$0.1 million loss due to the relocation of our office and studio facility in our San Francisco market as well as other insignificant fixed asset and equipment disposals.

The net loss on disposal of assets for the three months ended June 30, 2013 represents various fixed asset and equipment disposals.

## **Other Income (Expense)**

	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(D	ollars in thousand	% of Total Net Revenue			
Interest Income	\$ 15	\$ 26	\$ 11	73.3%	— %	— %
Interest Expense	(3,719)	(4,068)	(349)	9.4%	(6.2)%	(5.9)%
Change in the fair value of interest rate swap	4,007	(1,373)	5,380	(134.3)%	6.7%	(2.0)%
Loss on early retirement of long-term debt	(55)	_	55	(100.0)%	(0.1)%	— %
Net miscellaneous income and (expenses)	5	14	9	180.0%	— %	— %

Interest income represents earnings on excess cash. Interest expense reflects an increase of \$0.4 million due to the interest associated with the interest rate swap offset by the lower cost of capital under our Term Loan B as compared to our Terminated 95/8% Notes which were repurchased in March 2013 in a cash tender offer launched on February 25, 2013 ("Tender Offer"). The change in the fair value of interest rate swap reflects the mark-to-market fair value adjustment of the interest rate swap agreement that we entered into on March 28, 2013. Net miscellaneous income and expenses includes royalty income from our real estate properties.

The loss on early retirement of long-term debt of \$0.1 million reflects the fees associated with the final redemption of our outstanding Terminated 9/8% Notes.

#### Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(Dollars in thousands)				% of Total Net Revenue	
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	\$4,335	\$827	\$(3,508)	(80.9)%	7.2%	1.2%

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 740*Income Taxes*, our tax provision for income taxes was \$0.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to \$4.3 million for the same period of the prior year. Provision for income taxes as a percentage of income before income taxes, or the effective tax rate was 39.6% for the three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to 45.4% for the same period of the prior year. The effective tax rate for each period differs from the federal statutory income rate of 35.0% due to the effect of state income taxes, certain expenses that are not deductible for tax purposes, and changes in the valuation allowance from the utilization of certain state net operating loss carryforwards.

## Loss From Discontinued Operations, Net of Tax

	Three Months Ended June 30,							
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014		
	(De	% of Total Net Revenue						
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (4)	\$—	\$ 4	(100.0)%	— %	— %		

The loss from discontinued operations for the three months ended June 30, 2013 relates to expenses associated with facilities previously occupied by Samaritan Fundraising, which ceased operations in December 2011.



## Net Income (Loss)

		Three Months Ended June 30,						
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014		
	(1	(Dollars in thousands)				% of Total Net Revenue		
Net Income (loss)	\$5,201	\$1,263	\$(3,938)	(75.7)%	8.6%	1.8%		

We recognized net income of \$1.3 million for the three months ending June 30, 2014 compared to \$5.2 million in the same period of the prior year. The change reflects the \$1.8 million decline in income from continuing operations due to higher operating expenses, a \$5.4 million increase in the charge associated with the change in fair value of our swap agreement and \$0.4 million increase in interest expense offset by a \$3.5 million reduction in our tax provision.

## Six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2013

The following factors affected our results of operations and cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2014 as compared to the same period of the prior year:

## Financing

- On March 31, 2014, we repaid \$2.3 million in principal on our current senior secured credit facility, consisting of a term loan of \$300.0 million ("Term Loan B"). We recorded an \$8,000 pre-tax loss on the early retirement of long-term debt related to the unamortized discount.

### Equity

- On May 27, 2014, we announced a quarterly distribution in the amount of \$0.06 per share on Class A and Class B common stock. The quarterly distribution of \$1.5 million was paid on June 30, 2014 to all Class A and Class B common stockholders of record as of June 16, 2014.
- On March 6, 2014, we announced a quarterly distribution in the amount of \$0.0575 per share on Class A and Class B common stock. The quarterly distribution of \$1.4 million was paid on March 31, 2014 to all Class A and Class B common stockholders of record as of March 17, 2014.

#### Acquisitions

- On June 6, 2014, we made an early payment of \$1.5 million in cash against the \$2.5 million deferred payment liability due January 2015 for our acquisition of entities of Eagle Publishing.
- On May 22, 2014, we completed the acquisition of radio station WOCN-AM, Miami, Florida and the related transmitter site for \$2.5 million in cash.
- On May 6, 2014, we completed the acquisition of WRTH-FM (formerly WOLT-FM) in Greenville, South Carolina for \$1.1 million in cash.
- On April 14, 2014, we completed the acquisition of three FM translators for \$0.4 million in cash. The FM translators will serve our Orlando, Florida, Tampa, Florida and Omaha, Nebraska markets.
- On February 7, 2014, we completed the acquisition of radio stations KDIS-FM, Little Rock, Arkansas and KRDY-AM, San Antonio, Texas for \$2.0 million in cash.
- We recorded an increase in the fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration of \$0.2 million associated with our December 2013 acquisition of Twitchy.com, which is reflected in our results of operations for the current period. We will review our estimates quarterly over the remaining earn-out period of 1.50 years. Up to an additional \$1.2 million of contingent earn-out consideration can be paid over the remaining term of 1.75 years based on the achievement of certain page view milestones established in the purchase agreement. Any changes in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration, up to the contracted amount, will be reflected in our results of operations in future periods as they are identified.
- On January 10, 2014, we acquired the entities of Eagle Publishing, including Regnery Publishing, HumanEvents.com, Redstate.com, Eagle Financial Publications and Eagle Wellness. We began operating these entities as of the closing date. The base purchase price was \$8.5 million, with \$3.5 million paid in cash upon closing, and deferred payments of \$2.5 million due January 2015 and \$2.5 million due January 2016. We paid an additional \$0.4 million of costs upon closing associated with liabilities incurred by the seller. On June 6, 2014, we paid \$1.5 million of the \$2.5 million deferred installment due January 2015. Based on the early payment, our deferred payment due January 2015 was reduced to \$0.9 million. The deferred payments due January 2015 and January 2016 are recorded at their present value of \$0.9 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, with the discount being amortized to non-cash interest expense over the payment term using the effective interest method.

We may pay up to an additional \$8.5 million of contingent earn-out consideration over the next three years based on the achievement of certain revenue benchmarks established for calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for each of the Eagle entities. On January 10, 2014, we recorded an estimate of contingent earn-out consideration payable upon achievement of certain revenue benchmarks over a three year period related to the acquisition of the Eagle entities. Using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model, we recorded the estimated fair value of the \$8.5 million total contingent earn-out consideration at the present value of \$2.0 million as of the closing date. There were no changes in our estimates as of the three months ending March 31, 2014. During the three month period ending June 30, 2014, we observed actual revenues that were higher than those projected in our original estimates. We increased our revenue estimates and revised the probability-weighted discounted cash flow model for the updated projections. We recorded a \$0.2 million increase in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration for the three months ending June 30, 2014, which is reflected in our results of operations for this current period. We will review our estimates quarterly over the remaining earn-out period of 2.75 years. Any changes in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration, up to the total contractual amount, will be reflected in our results of operations in future periods as they are identified. Changes in the fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration may materially impact and cause volatility in our future operating results. Changes in our estimates for the contingent earn-out consideration are discussed in Note 5 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Net Broadcast Revenue

	Six Months Ended June 30,							
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014		
	(Do	llars in thousa	nds)		% of Total Ne	t Revenue		
Net Broadcast Revenue	\$90,272	\$93,431	\$ 3,159	3.5%	78.0%	71.3%		
Same Station Net Broadcast Revenue	\$90,223	\$92,984	\$ 2,761	3.1%				

The following table shows the dollar amount and percentage of net broadcast revenue for each broadcast revenue source.

		Six Months En 2013	nded June 30, 201	4
		(Dollars in	thousands)	
Block program time:				
National	\$21,76	8 24.1%	\$22,334	23.9%
Local	_15,79	17.5%	16,646	<u>17.8</u> %
	37,55	8 41.6%	38,980	41.7%
Advertising:				
National	6,73	1 7.5%	7,436	7.9%
Local	_30,98	5 34.3%	31,547	<u>33.8</u> %
	37,71	7 41.8%	38,983	41.7%
Infomercials	2,87	4 3.2%	2,127	2.3%
Network	7,25	1 8.0%	7,900	8.5%
Other	4,87	2 5.4%	5,441	5.8%
Net broadcast revenue	\$90,27	2 100.0%	93,431	100.0%

Block programming revenue increased \$1.4 million, of which \$0.9 million was generated from local programming primarily on our News Talk format stations, \$0.4 million was generated from national ministries, primarily on our Christian Teaching & Talk format stations and \$0.1 million was generated from our business format stations. The increases reflect a greater number of programmers featured on-air with corresponding increases in demand for premium time slots that results in realization of higher rates.

Advertising revenues increased \$0.8 million from political based advertisements associated with local and congressional elections and a \$0.4 million increase in national advertising through SMR and VMR due to higher demand from advertisers.

Declines in infomercial revenues of \$0.8 million reflect our ongoing effort to rebrand our stations. We continue to promote our stations through local events and speaking engagements that move away from infomercials and allow us to focus on programming and content consistent with our company values.

The increase in network revenues reflects a \$0.3 million increase in compensation received for network programs in select larger markets and an increase of \$0.3 million in distribution of SRN programming.

Other revenue includes a \$0.4 million increase in listener purchase program revenue, a popular on-air promotion that offers our listeners access to special discounts and incentives from local advertisers as well as a \$0.1 million increase in event revenue based on higher attendance and sponsorships.

## Internet and e-commerce Revenue

	Six Months Ended June 30,						
	2013 2014 Change \$ Change % 2013						
	(Dollars in thousands) % of Total Net Reven						
Internet and e-commerce Revenue	\$19,622	\$27,300	\$ 7,678	39.1%	17.0%	20.8%	

We continue to acquire and build websites to deliver our content to viewers. On January 10, 2014, we acquired and began operating Eagle Financial Publications, Eagle Wellness and Regnery Publishing, which has an e-book segment, each of which is reported in our Internet and e-commerce segment. During 2013, we acquired Christnotes.org, Godupdates.org as well as Twitchy.com which we began operating on December 10, 2013. The \$7.7 million increase in Internet and e-commerce revenues includes \$6.1 million of revenue associated with Eagle entities and approximately \$0.2 million of revenue from Twitchy.com. Advertising and remnant sales increased \$1.4 million based on higher sales volume partially offset by a \$0.1 million decline in video and graphic downloads.

#### **Publishing Revenue**

		Six Months Ended June 30,							
	2013	2014	2013	2014					
		(Dollars in thousa	nds)		% of Total Ne	et Revenue			
lishing Revenue	\$5,870	\$10,239	\$ 4,369	74.4%	5.1%	7.8%			

Our acquisition of Regnery Publishing on January 10, 2014 represents a key opportunity for our publishing segment. Regnery Publishing generated \$3.7 million in net book sales revenue, comprised of \$6.0 million in gross sales exclusive of e-books, less estimated sales returns and allowances of \$2.3 million. Xulon Press, our print-on-demand book publisher, generated a \$0.2 million increase in revenue from book sales based on a higher volume of books sold and increased revenue from author submission, consulting and marketing fees by \$0.6 million attributable to an increase in the number of authors utilizing our services. Declining subscriber levels continue to challenge our print magazines with a \$0.2 million decline in revenue including the impact on advertising based on lower distribution levels.

## **Broadcast Operating Expenses**

		Six Months Ended June 30,								
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014				
	(Do	llars in thousa	nds)		% of Total Ne	t Revenue				
Broadcast Operating Expenses	\$60,411	\$65,099	\$ 4,688	7.8%	52.2%	49.7%				
Same Station Broadcast Operating Expenses	\$60,292	\$64,457	\$ 4,165	6.9%						

Broadcast operating expenses reflect higher variable costs associated with higher revenues, including a \$1.7 million increase in personnel-related costs that includes sales commissions, a \$1.5 million increase in advertising and event costs, a \$0.8 million increase in facility-related costs due to additional locations acquired, a \$0.4 million increase in music license fees, a \$0.3 million increase in travel costs including acquisition related site visits, and a \$0.2 million increase in professional services, partially offset by a \$0.2 million decline in bad debt expense.

## **Internet Operating Expenses**

		Six Months Ended June 30,						
	2013	2014	2013	2014				
	(D	ollars in thousa	nds)		% of Total Ne	et Revenue		
Internet Operating Expenses	\$13,728	\$19,880	\$ 6,152	44.8%	11.9%	15.2%		

We utilize cost and operational efficiencies where possible by consolidating administrative and technical support, as well as the use of shared facilities and other resources. During 2014, we acquired Eagle Financial Publications, Eagle Wellness and Regnery Publishing, which has an e-book segment, the expenses of which are reported as Internet operating expenses. The increase in operating expenses of \$6.2 million includes \$3.9 million of operating costs incurred by the Eagle entities. Across all other digital platforms, we see higher variable expenses consistent with higher revenues, including an increase of \$1.1 million in personnel related costs that includes sales commissions, a \$0.9 million increase in streaming and hosting expenses, a \$0.1 million increase in advertising expenses and a \$0.1 million increase in bad debt expense partially offset by a \$0.1 million decline in royalties. Additionally, our stations incurred higher costs of \$0.1 million associated with their website operations.

## **Publishing Operating Expenses**

	Six Months Ended June 30,								
	2013	2014	2013	2014					
	(E	Oollars in thousa	% of Total Net Revenue						
Publishing Operating Expenses	\$6,475	\$10,858	\$ 4,383	67.7%	5.6%	8.3%			

During 2014, we acquired Regnery Publishing, a book publisher reported within our publishing segment exclusive of e-book operations. We began operating Regnery Publishing on January 10, 2014 and recognized \$4.2 million of expenses associated with this entity. Xulon Press, our print on demand book publisher, incurred higher variable costs associated with revenue growth, including an

increase of \$0.3 million in personnel-related costs due to increases in employee headcount and hours worked to meet production demands. Our print magazines showed a \$0.2 million decrease in operating expenses including distribution costs, consistent with the decline in the number of subscribers.

## **Corporate Expenses**

	Six Months Ended June 30,								
	2013	2014	2013	2014					
	(De	ollars in thousan	% of Total Net Revenue						
Corporate Expenses	\$10,888	\$12,288	\$ 1,400	12.9%	9.4%	9.4%			

Corporate expenses include shared general and administrative services. The increase over the same period of the prior year includes a \$1.1 million increase in personnelrelated costs, a \$0.3 million increase in travel and entertainment expenses and a \$0.1 million increase in facility-related expenses that were partially offset by a \$0.2 million decline in non-cash stock-based compensation expense. These increases in shared general and administrative services are consistent with our acquisition related growth and development.

## **Depreciation Expense**

	Six Months Ended June 30,							
	2013	2014	2013	2014				
	(De	% of Total N	% of Total Net Revenue					
Depreciation Expense	\$6,224	\$6,296		2 1.2%	5.4%	4.8%		

Depreciation expense is consistent with that of the same period of the prior year.

## **Amortization Expense**

		Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2014	2013	2014			
	(Do	(Dollars in thousands) % of Total Net Reven					
Amortization Expense	\$1,381	\$3,137	\$ 1,756	127.2%	1.2%	2.4%	

Our acquisition activity, including Christnotes.org, Godupdates.org and Twitchy.com in 2013 and Eagle in January 2014, consist of intangible assets such as advertising agreements, customer lists and domain names, with estimated useful lives ranging from one to five years. Amortization expense increases over the life of these assets based on the acquisition date.

## Change in the Estimated Fair Value of Contingent Earn-Out Consideration

	Six Months Ended June 30,								
	2013 2014 Change \$ Change % 2013								
	(D	% of Total N	% of Total Net Revenue						
Change in the estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration	\$—	\$369	\$ 369	100.0%	— %	0.3%			

On December 10, 2013, we recorded an estimate of contingent earn-out consideration payable upon achievement of page view milestones over a two year period related to our acquisition of Twitchy.com. Using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model, we estimated the fair value of the \$1.2 million total contingent earn-out consideration at the present value of \$0.6 million as of the closing date. During each of the three month periods ending March 31, 2014 and June 30, 2014, we observed actual page views that were slightly higher than those expected at the time of our projections. We increased our page view estimates and revised the probability-weighted discounted cash flow model for the updated projections. We recorded a \$0.1 million increase in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration of the three months ending June 30, 2014, which is reflected in our results of operations for the three and six months ending June 30, 2014. We will review our estimates quarterly over the remaining earn-out period of 1.50 years.

On January 10, 2014, we recorded an estimate of contingent earn-out consideration payable upon achievement of certain revenue benchmarks over a three year period related to the acquisition of the Eagle entities. Using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model, we recorded the estimated fair value of the \$8.5 million total contingent earn-out consideration at the present value of \$2.0 million as of the closing date. There were no changes in our estimates as of the three months ending March 31, 2014. During the three month period ending June 30, 2014, we observed actual revenues that were higher than those projected in our original estimates. We increased our revenue estimates and revised the probability-weighted discounted cash flow model for the updated projections. We recorded a \$0.2 million increase in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration for the three months ending June 30, 2014, which is reflected in our results of operations for the current period. We will review our estimates quarterly over the remaining earn-out period of 2.75 years.

### Impairment of Indefinite-Lived Long-Term Assets Other than Goodwill

		Six Months Ended June 30,						
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014		
	(D	ollars in tho	usands)		% of Total N	let Revenue		
Impairment of indefinite-lived long-term assets other than goodwill	\$345	\$—	\$ (345)	(100.0)%	0.3%	— %		

Due to actual operating results that did not meet or exceed our expectations or the assumptions used in our prior valuations, we performed an interim valuation of our mastheads as of June 30, 2013. We determined that the carrying value of the mastheads was less than the estimated fair value. We recorded an impairment charge of \$0.3 million associated with the mastheads in our publishing division during that period. There were no indications of impairment present as of the period ending June 30, 2014.

#### **Impairment of Goodwill**

			Six Mon	ths Ended June 30,		
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(L	Dollars in tho	usands)		% of Total Ne	et Revenue
rment of goodwill	\$438	\$—	\$ (438)	(100.0)%	0.4%	— %

Due to actual operating results that did not meet or exceed our expectations or the assumptions used in our prior valuations, we performed an interim valuation of our print magazines as of June 30, 2013. We determined that the carrying value of the goodwill was less than the estimated fair value. We recorded an impairment charge of \$0.4 million associated with the goodwill previously recorded in our print magazine division during that period. There were no indications of impairment present as of the period ending June 30, 2014.

#### Loss on the Sale or Disposal of Assets

		Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014	
	(D	(Dollars in thousands) % of Total Net					
Loss on the sale or disposal of assets	\$ 5	\$221	\$ 216	4,320.0%	— %	0.2%	

The net loss on the sale or disposal of assets for the six months ended June 30, 2014 includes a \$0.2 million loss associated with the write-off of a receivable from a prior station sale, a \$0.1 million loss due to the relocation of our office and studio facility in our San Francisco market offset by \$0.1 million of insurance proceeds from a damage claim associated with one of our market as well as other insignificant fixed asset and equipment disposals.

The net loss on disposal of assets for the six months ended June 30, 2013 represents various fixed asset and equipment disposals.

#### **Other Income (Expense)**

		Six Months Ended June 30,						
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014		
	(1	Dollars in thousa	nds)		% of Total Net	Revenue		
Interest Income	\$ 36	\$ 41	\$ 5	13.9%	— %	<u> </u>		
Interest Expense	(9,442)	(7,847)	1,595	(16.9)%	(8.2)%	(6.0)%		
Change in the fair value of interest rate swap	3,578	(2,469)	(6,047)	(169.0)%	3.1%	(1.9)%		
Loss on early retirement of long-term debt	(27,776)	(8)	27,768	(100.0)%	(24.0)%	— %		
Net miscellaneous income and (expenses)	11	80	69	627.3%	— %	0.1%		

Interest income represents earnings on excess cash. Interest expense reflects a decrease of \$1.6 million due to the lower cost of capital under our Term Loan B as compared to our Terminated 95/8% Notes which were repurchased in March 2013 in a cash tender offer ("Tender Offer"). The change in the fair value of interest rate swap reflects the mark-to-market fair value adjustment of the interest rate swap agreement that we entered into on March 28, 2013. Net miscellaneous income and expenses includes royalty income from our real estate properties.

The loss on early retirement of long-term debt of \$27.8 million includes \$26.9 million from the repurchase of \$212.6 million of the outstanding 9/8% Notes and \$0.9 million associated with the termination of our then existing credit facilities in conjunction with the Term Loan B and Revolver entered into on March 14, 2013.

#### Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes

	Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(Dol	lars in thous	% of Total Net Revenue			
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	\$(4,347)	\$925	\$ 5,272	(121.3)%	(3.8)%	0.7%

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In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 740*Income Taxes*, our tax provision for income taxes was \$0.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to a tax benefit of \$4.3 million for the same period of the prior year. Provision for income taxes as a percentage of income before income taxes, or the effective tax rate, was 35.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to 24.5% for the same period of the prior year. The effective tax rate for each period differs from the federal statutory income rate of 35.0% due to the effect of state income taxes, certain expenses that are not deductible for tax purposes, and changes in the valuation allowance from the utilization of certain state net operating loss carryforwards.

#### Loss From Discontinued Operations, Net of Tax

				Six Mo	nths Ended June 30,	,	
	2013	2014	Cha	nge \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(De	ollars in tho	usands)			% of Total Ne	et Revenue
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$(15)	\$—	\$	15	(100.0)%	— %	— %

The loss from discontinued operations for the three months ended June 30, 2013 relates to expenses associated with facilities previously occupied by Samaritan Fundraising, which ceased operations in December 2011.

### Net Income (Loss)

		Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2013	2014	Change \$	Change %	2013	2014
	(Dol	ars in thousa	inds)		% of Total Net	Revenue
(loss)	\$(13,392)	\$1,694	\$15,086	112.6%	(11.6)%	1.3%

We recognized net income of \$1.7 million for the six months ending June 30, 2014 compared to a loss of \$13.4 million in the same period of the prior year. The change reflects the impact on the prior year of the \$27.8 million loss from the early retirement of long-term debt and a \$3.1 million decline in income from continuing operations due to higher operating expenses, an \$5.2 million increase in our tax provision, and a \$6.1 million increase in the charge associated with the change in fair value of our swap agreement offset by a \$1.6 million reduction in interest expense resulting from our credit agreement entered March 2013.

## SAME STATION DEFINITION

In the discussion of our results of operations below, we compare our results between periods on an as reported basis (that is, the results of operations of all radio stations and network formats owned or operated at any time during either period) and on a "same station" basis. With regard to fiscal quarters, we include in our same station comparisons the results of operations of radio stations or radio station clusters and networks that we own or operate in the same format during the quarter, as well as the corresponding quarter of the prior year. Same station results for a full year are based on the sum of the same station results for the four quarters of that year.

#### NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The performance of a radio broadcasting company is customarily measured by the ability of its stations to generate station operating income. We define station operating income ("SOI") as net broadcast revenue less broadcast operating expenses. Accordingly, changes in net broadcast revenue and broadcast operating expenses, as explained above, have a direct impact on changes in SOI.

SOI is not a measure of performance calculated in accordance with GAAP. SOI should be viewed as a supplement to and not a substitute for our results of operations presented on the basis of GAAP. Management believes that SOI is a useful non-GAAP financial measure to investors, when considered in conjunction with operating income (most directly comparable GAAP financial measure), because it is generally recognized by the radio broadcasting industry as a tool in measuring performance and in applying valuation methodologies for companies in the media, entertainment and communications industries. This measure is used by investors and analysts who report on the industry to provide comparisons between broadcasting groups. Additionally, our management uses SOI as one of the key measures of operating efficiency, profitability and our internal review associated with our impairment analysis of indefinite-lived intangible assets. SOI does not purport to represent cash provided by operating activities. Our statement of cash flows presents our cash flow activity and our income statement presents our historical performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. SOI as defined by and used by our company is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other companies.

#### Three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2013

STATION OPERATING INCOME. SOI decreased \$2.3 million, or 13.8%, to \$13.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, compared to \$16.2 million for the same period of the prior year. As a percentage of net broadcast revenue, SOI decreased to 29.1% from 34.4% for the same period of the prior year. On a same station basis, SOI decreased \$2.1 million, or 13.1%, to \$14.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 from \$16.2 million for the same period of the prior year. As a percentage of same station net broadcast revenue, same station SOI decreased to 29.6% from 34.4% for the same period of the prior year. As a percentage of same station net broadcast revenue, same station SOI decreased to 29.6% from 34.4% for the same period of the prior year.

### Six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2013

STATION OPERATING INCOME. SOI increased \$1.6 million, or 5.1%, to \$28.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, compared to \$29.9 million for the same period of the prior year. As a percentage of net broadcast revenue, SOI decreased to 30.3% from 33.1% for the same period of the prior year. On a same station basis, SOI decreased \$1.4 million, or 4.7%, to \$28.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 from \$29.9 million for the same period of the prior year. As a percentage of same station net broadcast revenue, same station SOI decreased to 30.7% from 33.2 % for the same period of the prior year.

The following table provides a reconciliation of SOI (a non-GAAP financial measure) to net income (loss) as presented in our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014:

	Three M	lonths <b>E</b>	Inded	June 30,	Six Mon	ths En	ded J	une 30,
	2013			2014	2013			2014
				(Dollars in th	thousands)			
Station operating income	\$ 16,1	81	\$	13,945	\$ 29,80	51	\$	28,332
Plus net Internet revenue	9,9	06		14,390	19,62	22		27,300
Plus net publishing revenue	3,2	.05		6,392	5,8′	70		10,239
Less Internet operating expenses	(6,8	87)		(10,063)	(13,72	28)		(19,880)
Less publishing operating expenses	(3,4	52)		(6,439)	(6,47	75)		(10,858)
Less corporate expenses	(5,0	92)		(5,458)	(10,83	38)		(12,288)
Less depreciation and amortization	(3,7	90)		(4,696)	(7,60	)5)		(9,433)
Less change in the estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration	-	_		(242)		-		(369)
Less impairment of indefinite-lived long-term assets other than goodwill	(3	45)		_	(34	15)		
Less impairment of goodwill	(4	38)		_	(43	38)		_
Less loss on disposal of assets		(1)		(338)		(5)	_	(221)
Net operating income from continuing operations	\$ 9,2	87	\$	7,491	\$ 15,80	59	\$	12,822
Plus interest income		15		26	1	36		41
Less interest expense	(3,7	19)		(4,068)	(9,44	12)		(7,847)
Less change in fair value of interest rate swap	4,0	07		(1,373)	3,5	78		(2,469)
Less loss on early retirement of long-term debt	(	(55)			(27,7)	76)		(8)
Less net miscellaneous income and expenses		5		14		1		80
Less provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(4,3	35)		(827)	4,34	17		(925)
Less discontinued operations		(4)			(	l <u>5</u> )		
Net income (loss)	\$ 5,2	.01	\$	1,263	\$ (13,39	92)	\$	1,694

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES, JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to acquisitions and upgrades of radio station and network assets, contingent consideration, revenue recognition, sales returns and allowances, allowance for doubtful accounts, goodwill and other non-intangible assets, uncertain tax positions, valuation allowance (deferred taxes), royalty reserves and liabilities, long-term debt and debt covenant compliance, and stock-based compensation. We base our estimates about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe the following accounting policies and the related judgments and estimates are critical accounting policies that affect the preparation of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Accounting for acquisitions and upgrades of radio station and network assets

A majority of our radio station acquisitions have consisted primarily of the FCC licenses to broadcast in a particular market. We often do not acquire the existing format, or we change the format upon acquisition when we find it beneficial. As a result, a substantial portion of the purchase price for the assets of a radio station is allocated to the broadcast license. We may retain a third-party appraiser to estimate the fair value of these radio stations and networks assets. As part of the valuation and appraisal process, the third-party appraiser prepares a report assigning estimated fair values to the various asset categories in our financial statements. The estimated fair value assigned to the FCC license and other assets are subjective in nature and require careful consideration and judgment. Management reviews the third party reports for reasonableness of the assigned values. We believe that these valuations and analysis provide appropriate estimates of the fair value for net assets acquired.



Property, plant and equipment are recorded at their estimated fair value and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Finite-lived intangible assets are recorded at their estimated fair value and amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Goodwill, which represents the organizational systems and procedures in place to ensure the effective operation of the entity, may also be recorded and tested for impairment. Costs associated with acquisitions, such as consulting and legal fees, are expensed as incurred in corporate operating expenses.

We undertake projects from time to time to upgrade our radio station technical facilities and/or FCC broadcast licenses. Our policy is to capitalize costs incurred up to the point where the project is complete, at which time we transfer the costs to the appropriate fixed asset and/or intangible asset categories. When the completion of a project is contingent upon FCC or other regulatory approval, we assess the probable future benefit of the asset at the time that it is recorded and monitor it through the FCC or other regulatory approval process. In the event the required approval is not considered probable or the project is abandoned, we write-off the capitalized costs of the project.

#### Accounting for acquisitions and of businesses

We account for business acquisitions in accordance with the acquisition method of accounting as specified in FASB ASC Topic 805Business Combinations. The total acquisition consideration is allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values as of the date of the transaction. Estimates of the fair value include discounted estimated cash flows to be generated by the assets and their expected useful lives based on historical experience, market trends and any synergies believed to be achieved from the acquisition. Acquisitions may include contingent consideration, the fair value of which is estimated as of the acquisition date as the present value of the expected contingent payments as determined using weighted probabilities of the payment amounts. We may retain a third-party appraiser to estimate fair value of the acquired net assets as of the acquisition date. As part of the valuation and appraisal process, the third-party appraiser prepares a report assigning estimated fair values to the various asset categories in our financial statements. These fair value estimates are subjective in nature and require careful consideration and judgment. Management reviews the third party reports for reasonableness of the assigned values. We believe that these valuations and analysis provide appropriate estimates of the fair value for net assets acquired.

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at the estimated fair value and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Finite-lived intangible assets are recorded at their estimated fair value and amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Goodwill, which represents the organizational systems and procedures in place to ensure the effective operation of the entity, may also be recorded and tested for impairment. Costs associated with acquisitions, such as consulting and legal fees are expensed as incurred in corporate operating expenses.

#### Accounting for contingent consideration

Acquisitions may include contingent consideration, the fair value of which is estimated on the acquisition date as the present value of the expected contingent payments, determined using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model for probabilities of possible future payments. The unobservable inputs used in the determination of the fair value of the contingent consideration include assumptions as to the ability of the acquired businesses to meet the targets and discount rates used in the calculation. Should the actual results of the acquired business increase or decrease as compared to our estimate and assumptions, the fair value of the contingent consideration obligations would increase or decrease, up to the contracted limit, as applicable. Any changes in the estimated fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration, up to the contractual amounts, will be reflected in our results of operations in future periods as they are identified. Changes in the fair value of the contingent earn-out consideration may materially impact and cause volatility in our future operating results.

#### **Revenue** recognition

Revenues are recognized when pervasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred or the service has been rendered, the price to the customer is fixed or determinable and collection of the arrangement fee is reasonably assured.

Revenues from radio programs and commercial advertising are recognized when the program or advertisement is broadcast. Revenue is reported net of agency commissions, which are calculated based on a stated percentage applied to gross billing. Revenues from the sale of advertising in our magazines are recognized upon publication. Revenue from the sale of subscriptions to our publications and newsletters is recognized over the life of the subscription. Revenue from book sales is recorded when shipment occurs. Revenue from the sale of services is recognized when the services are rendered. Revenue net of estimated sales returns and allowances from product sales are recognized upon shipment.

## Multiple-Deliverables

We may enter bundled advertising agreements that include spot advertisements on our radio stations, Internet banner placements, print magazine advertisements and booth space at specific events, or some combination thereof. The multiple deliverables contained

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in each agreement are accounted for separately over their respective delivery period provided that they are separate units of accounting. The selling price used for each deliverable is based on vendor specific objective evidence or estimated selling price if vendor specific objective evidence is not available. Objective evidence of fair value includes the price charged for each element when sold separately. The estimated selling price is the price that we would transact if the deliverable was sold regularly on a standalone basis. Arrangement consideration is allocated at the inception of each arrangement to all deliverables using the relative selling price method. The relative selling price method allocates any discount in the arrangement proportionally to each deliverable on the basis of each deliverable's selling price.

#### Sales returns

We provide for estimated returns for products sold with the right of return, primarily book sales associated with Regnery Publishing and nutritional products sold through Eagle Wellness. We record an estimate of these product returns as a reduction of revenue in the period of the sale. Our estimates are based upon historical sales returns, the amount of current period sales, economic trends and any changes in customer demand and acceptance of our products. We regularly monitor actual performance to estimated return rates and make adjustments as necessary. Estimated return rates utilized for establishing estimated returns reserves have approximated actual returns experience. However, actual returns may differ significantly, either favorably or unfavorably, from these estimates if factors such as the historical data we used to calculate these estimates do not properly reflect future returns or as a result of changes in economic conditions of the customer and/or its market.

#### Barter transactions

We may provide advertising time in exchange for certain products, supplies and services. The terms of the exchanges generally permit for the preemption of such broadcast time in favor of advertisers who purchase time on regular terms. We include the value of such exchanges in both net broadcasting revenues and broadcast operating expenses. The value recorded for barter revenues is based upon management's estimate of the fair value of the products, supplies and services received.

Advertising time that our radio stations exchange for goods and/or services is recorded as barter revenue when the advertisement is broadcast at an amount equal to our estimate fair value of what was received. The value of the goods or services received in such barter transactions is charged to expense as used. Barter advertising revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 was approximately \$1.9 million and \$3.5 million, respectively, and \$1.4 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, for the same period of the prior year. Barter expenses were approximately the same as barter revenue for each period.

## Allowance for doubtful accounts

Our allowance for doubtful accounts is evaluated on a monthly basis and is recorded based on our historical collection experience, the age of the receivables, specific customer information and economic conditions. We also review outstanding balances on an account-specific basis. In general, past due receivable balances are not written-off until all of our collection efforts have been unsuccessful, including use of a recovery agency. A considerable amount of judgment is required in assessing the likelihood of ultimate realization of these receivables including the current creditworthiness of each customer. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

#### Accounting for discontinued operations

We regularly review underperforming assets to determine if a sale might be a better way to monetize the assets. When a station, group of stations, or other asset groups are considered for sale, we review the transaction to determine if or when the entity qualifies as a discontinued operation in accordance with the criteria of FASB ASC Topic 205-20 *Discontinued Operations*. This pronouncement specifies that the operations and cash flow of the entity disposed of, or to be sold, have or will be eliminated from the ongoing operations as a result of the disposal and that we will not have significant continuing involvement in the operations after the disposal transaction. For our radio stations, we define a cluster as a group of radio stations operating in the same geographic market, sharing the same building, equipment, and managed by a single general manager. The cluster level is the lowest level for which discrete financial information and cash flows are available and the level reviewed by management to analyze operating results. General Managers are compensated based on the results of their cluster as a whole, not the results of any individual radio stations. We have determined that a radio market qualifies for a discontinued operation when management, having the authority to approve the action, commits to a plan to sell the asset (disposal group), the sale is probable, and the sale will result in the exit of a particular geographic market.

During the fourth quarter of 2011, based on operating results that did not meet expectations, we ceased operating Samaritan Fundraising as of December 31, 2011. Samaritan Fundraising, reported in our Internet operations, was a web-based fundraising products company operating from a single facility in Fairfax, VA, under the control of one general manager. As a result of our decision to close operations, there were no material cash flows associated with this entity and we have no ongoing or further involvement in the operations of this entity. We have reported the operating results and net assets of this entity as a discontinued operation for all periods presented.



The markets and entities that we have accounted for as a discontinued operation are explained in more fully in "Note 4 - Acquisitions and Recent Transactions."

#### Goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets

Approximately 70% of our total assets as of June 30, 2014 consist of indefinite-lived intangible assets, such as broadcast licenses, goodwill and mastheads, the value of which depends significantly upon the operating results of our businesses. In the case of our radio stations, we would not be able to operate the properties without the related FCC license for each property. Broadcast licenses are renewed with the FCC every eight years for a nominal cost that is expensed as incurred. We continually monitor our stations' compliance with the various regulatory requirements. Historically, all of our broadcast licenses have been renewed at the end of their respective periods, and we expect that all broadcast licenses will continue to be renewed in the future. Accordingly, we consider our broadcast licenses to be indefinite-lived intangible assets in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 350, *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other*. Broadcast licenses account for approximately 94% of our indefinite-lived intangible assets. Goodwill and magazine mastheads account for the remaining 6%. We do not amortize goodwill or other indefinite-lived intangible assets, but rather test for impairment at least annually or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that an asset may be impaired.

We complete our annual impairment tests in the fourth quarter of each year. We believe that our estimate of the value of our broadcast licenses, mastheads, and goodwill is a critical accounting estimate as the value is significant in relation to our total assets, and our estimates incorporate variables and assumptions that are based on past experiences and judgment about future operating performance of our markets and business segments. If actual future results are less favorable than the assumptions and estimates we used, we are subject to future impairment charges, the amount of which may be material. The fair value measurements for our indefinite-lived intangible assets use significant unobservable inputs that reflect our own assumptions about the estimates that market participants would use in measuring fair value including assumptions about risk. The unobservable inputs are defined in FASB ASC Topic 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* as Level 3 inputs discussed in detail in Note 14 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Impairment of long-lived assets

We account for property, plant and equipment in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 360-10*Property, Plant and Equipment.* We periodically review our long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be fully recoverable. In accordance with authoritative guidance for impairment of long-lived assets, we must estimate the fair value of assets when events or circumstances indicate that they may be impaired. The fair value measurements for our long-lived assets use significant observable inputs that reflect our own assumptions about the estimates that market participants would use in measuring fair value including assumptions about risk. If actual future results are less favorable than the assumptions and estimates we used, we are subject to future impairment charges, the amount of which may be material.

#### Partial self-insurance on employee health plan

We provide health insurance benefits to eligible employees under a self-insured plan whereby the company pays actual medical claims subject to certain stop loss limits. We record self-insurance liabilities based on actual claims filed and an estimate of those claims incurred but not reported. Any projection of losses concerning our liability is subject to a high degree of variability. Among the causes of this variability are unpredictable external factors such as future inflation rates, changes in severity, benefit level changes, medical costs and claim settlement patterns. Should the actual amount of claims increase or decrease beyond what was anticipated, we may need to adjust our future reserves.

#### Income taxes and uncertain tax positions

We account for income taxes in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 740*Income Taxes*. There were no adjustments to the balance of our unrecognized tax benefits as of June 30, 2013 and 2014. At December 31, 2013, we had \$0.9 million in liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits. Included in this liability amount were \$0.02 million accrued for the related interest, net of federal income tax benefits, and \$0.02 million for the related penalty recorded in income tax expense on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. We expect to reduce the reserve balance by \$0.4 million over the next twelve months due to statute expirations.

#### Valuation Allowance (Deferred Taxes)

For financial reporting purposes, we recorded a valuation allowance of \$2.9 million as of June 30, 2014 to offset a portion of the deferred tax assets related to the state net operating loss carryforwards. We regularly review our financial forecasts in an effort to determine our ability to utilize the net operating loss carryforwards for tax purposes. Accordingly, the valuation allowance is adjusted periodically based on our estimate of the benefit the company will receive from such carryforwards.

### Royalty advances to authors

Royalties due to book authors are paid in advance and capitalized. Royalties are expensed as the related book revenues are earned or when we determine that future recovery of the royalty is not likely. We reviewed historical data associated with royalty advances, earnings and recoverability based on actual results of Regnery Publishing. Historically, the longer the unearned portion of an advance remains outstanding, the less likely it is that we will recover the advance through the sale of the book. We apply this historical experience to outstanding royalty advances to estimate the likelihood of recovery. A provision was established to expense the balance of any unearned advance which we believe is not recoverable. Our analysis also considers other discrete factors, such as death of an author, any decision to not pursue publication of a title, poor market demand or other relevant factors.

#### Inventory

Our inventory on hand consists of published books and wellness products. Inventory is recorded at the lower of cost or market as determined on a First-In First-Out ("FIFO") cost method.

#### Inventory reserves

We reviewed historical data associated with book and wellness product inventories held by Regnery Publishing and Eagle Wellness. We utilized this historical data associated with sales returns and allowances and royalty reserves, as well as overall economic conditions and product demand, to estimate the fair value of inventory on hand. A provision has been established to expense the balance of unsold inventory for which we believe the cost to be unrecoverable.

#### Derivative instruments

We are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates. We actively monitor these fluctuations and use derivative instruments from time to time to manage the related risk. In accordance with our risk management strategy, we may use derivative instruments only for the purpose of managing risk associated with an asset, liability, committed transaction, or probable forecasted transaction that is identified by management. Our use of derivative instruments may result in short-term gains or losses that may increase the volatility of our earnings.

Under FASB ASC Topic 815 Derivatives and Hedging the effective portion of the gain or loss on a derivative instrument designated and qualifying as a cash flow hedging instrument shall be reported as a component of other comprehensive income (outside earnings) and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. The remaining gain or loss on the derivative instrument, if any, shall be recognized currently in earnings.

On March 27, 2013, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A that began on March 28, 2014 with a notional principal amount of \$150.0 million. The agreement was entered to offset risks associated with the variable interest rate on our Term Loan B. Payments on the swap are due on a quarterly basis with a LIBOR floor of 0.625%. The swap expires on March 28, 2019 at a fixed rate of 1.645%. The interest rate swap agreement was not designated as a cash flow hedge, and as a result, all changes in the fair value are recognized in the current period statement of operations rather than through other comprehensive income. We recorded an asset of \$0.7 million as of June 30, 2014, representing the change in the fair value of the interest rate swap agreement. The swap was valued based on observable inputs for similar assets and liabilities and other observable inputs for interest rates and yield curves, which are classified within Level 2 inputs in the fair value hierarchy described below and in Note 14 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Fair value accounting

FASB ASC Topic 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures established a single definition of fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expanded disclosure requirements about fair value measurements. The provision applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. We adopted the fair value provisions for financial assets and financial liabilities effective January 1, 2008. The adoption had a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. We adopted fair value provisions for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities effective January 1, 2009. This includes applying the fair value concept to (i) nonfinancial assets and liabilities initially measured at fair value in business combinations; (ii) reporting units or nonfinancial assets and liabilities measured at fair value in conjunction with goodwill impairment testing; (iii) other nonfinancial assets measured at fair value in conjunction with impairment assessments; and (iv) asset retirement obligations initially measured at fair value. The adoption of the fair value provisions of FASB ASC Topic 820 to nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The fair value provisions include guidance on how to estimate the fair value of assets and liabilities in the current economic environment and reemphasizes that the objective of a fair value measurement remains an exit price. If we were to conclude that there has been a significant decrease in the volume and level of activity of the asset or liability in relation to normal market activities, quoted market values may not be representative of fair value and we may conclude that a change in valuation technique or the use of multiple valuation techniques may be appropriate.

The degree of judgment utilized in measuring the fair value of financial instruments generally correlates to the level of pricing observability. Pricing observability is affected by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, whether the financial instrument is new to the market, and the characteristics specific to the transaction. Financial instruments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of pricing observability and a lesser degree of judgment utilized in measuring fair value. Conversely, financial instruments rarely traded or not quoted will generally have less (or no) pricing observability and a higher degree of judgment utilized in measuring fair value.

FASB ASC Topic 820 established a hierarchal disclosure framework associated with the level of pricing observability utilized in measuring fair value. This framework defined three levels of inputs to the fair value measurement process and requires that each fair value measurement be assigned to a level corresponding to the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The three broad levels of inputs defined by the FASB ASC Topic 820 hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs—quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 Inputs—inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, a Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and
- Level 3 Inputs—unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. These unobservable inputs reflect the entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market
  participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, and are developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (which might include the
  reporting entity's own data).

As of June 30, 2014, the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivables, accounts payable, accrued expenses and accrued interest approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of such instruments. The carrying value of other long-term liabilities approximates fair value as the related interest rates approximate rates currently available to the company. The following table summarizes the fair value of our financial assets that are measured at fair value:

	June 30, 2014					
	Total Fair Value and Carrying Value on Balance Sheet		Fair Valu	e Measurement Ca	Category	
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
		nds)				
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	232	\$ 232	\$ —	\$ —	
Trade accounts receivable, net		35,462	35,462		—	
Fair value of interest rate swap		708	_	708	_	
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable		4,065	4 065	_	_	
Accrued expenses including estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration		11,783	10,227	_	1,556	
Accrued interest		404	404	_	_	
Long term liabilities including estimated fair value of contingent earn-out consideration		3,945	2,346	_	1,599	
Long-term debt		289,257	289,257	—	_	

#### Stock-based compensation

We account for stock-based compensation under the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 718*Compensation—Stock Compensation*. We record equity awards with stockbased compensation measured at the fair value of the award as of the grant date. We determine the fair value of our options using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model that requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility and expected term of the options granted. The exercise price for options is equal to the closing market price of Salem Communications common stock as of the date of grant. We use the straight-line attribution method to recognize share-based compensation costs over the expected service period of the award. Upon exercise, cancellation, forfeiture, or expiration of stock options, or upon vesting or forfeiture of restricted stock awards, deferred tax assets for options and restricted stock awards with multiple vesting dates are eliminated for each vesting period on a first-in, first-out basis as if each vesting period was a separate award.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant areas for which management uses estimates include: (1) asset impairments, including broadcasting licenses, goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets; (2) income tax valuation allowances; (3) uncertain tax positions; (4) allowance for doubtful accounts; (5) inventory reserves; (6) reserves for royalty advances; (7) self-insurance reserves; (8) fair value of equity awards; (9) estimated lives for tangible and intangible assets; (10) fair value measurements; (11) contingency reserves; (12) probabilities associated with the potential for contingent earn-out consideration; and (13) sales returns and allowances. These estimates require the use of judgment as future events and the effect of these events cannot be predicted with certainty. The estimates will change as new events occur, as more experience is acquired and as more information is obtained. We evaluate and update our assumptions and estimates on an ongoing basis and we may consult outside experts to assist as considered necessary.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

While our focus continues to be on deleveraging the company, we have recently completed several strategic acquisitions, including Twitchy.com in December 2013 and Eagle Publishing in January 2014. These acquisitions each contain contingent earn-out arrangements based on future operating results. We believe that these contingent earn-out arrangements provide some degree of protection with regard to our cash outflows should the acquisitions not meet our operational expectations. We have historically financed acquisitions through borrowings, including borrowings under credit facilities and, to a lesser extent, from operating cash flow and from proceeds on selected asset dispositions. We expect to fund future acquisitions from cash on hand, borrowings under our credit facilities, operating cash flow and possibly through the sale of income-producing assets or proceeds from debt and equity offerings. We have historically funded, and will continue to fund, expenditures for operations, administrative expenses, and capital expenditures from operating cash flow, borrowings under the Revolver and, if necessary, proceeds from the sale of selected assets or radio stations.

In March 2013, we entered into a senior secured credit facility, consisting of a term loan of \$300.0 million ("Term Loan B") and a revolving credit facility ("Revolver") of \$25.0 million, repurchased or redeemed all of the \$213.5 million aggregate principal amount of our Terminated 95/8% Notes, and terminated our prior credit facilities, FCB Loan and our Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties. We believe that the borrowing capacity under the Term Loan B and Revolver allows us to meet our ongoing operating requirements, fund capital expenditures and satisfy our debt service requirements for at least the next twelve months. We have repaid \$11.0 million of principal outstanding under the Term Loan B, exceeding the contractual repayments required to date of \$3.0 million. We expect to incur lower interest expense as a result of the Term Loan B and Revolver as compared to our prior external sources of credit.

We undertake projects from time to time to upgrade our radio station technical facilities and/or FCC broadcast licenses, expand our Internet offerings, improve our facilities and upgrade our computer infrastructures. The nature and timing of these upgrades and expenditures can be delayed or scaled back at the discretion of management. We expect to incur additional capital expenditures of approximately \$4.2 million during the remainder of 2014 for planned projects.

In recent years, we have recognized impairment charges on non-amortizable intangible assets such as FCC licenses and mastheads. These impairment charges are noncash in nature and have not impacted our liquidity or compliance with our debt covenants.

#### **Cash Flows**

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$0.2 million to \$0.3 million as of June 30, 2014 compared to \$0.1 million as of December 31, 2013. Working capital decreased \$5.3 million to \$13.9 million as of June 30, 2014, compared to \$19.2 million as of December 31, 2013. During the six months ending June 30, 2014, the balances outstanding under our consolidated debt agreements ranged from \$289.0 million to \$294.7 million. These balances were ordinary and customary based on our operating and investing cash needs during this time.

The following events impacted our liquidity and capital resources during the six months ended June 30, 2014:

- We repaid \$2.3 million of principal outstanding on the Term Loan B;
- Capital expenditures increased \$0.9 million to \$6.1 million from \$5.2 million for the same period of the prior year;
- Our Day's Sales Outstanding, or the average number of days to collect receivables from the date of sale, decreased to 67 days as of June 30, 2014 compared to 74 days for the same period of the prior year;
- Cash paid for acquisitions increased \$5.5 million to \$10.5 million from \$5.0 million for the same period of the prior year;

- We paid cash distributions of \$2.9 million, on our Class A and Class B common stock as compared to \$2.5 million for the same period of the prior year;
- Based on the number of shares of Class A and Class B common stock currently outstanding, and the currently approved distribution amount, we expect to
  pay total annual distributions of approximately \$6.0 million; and
- Our net income from continuing operations increased \$15.1 million to a net income of \$1.7 million from a net loss of \$13.4 million for the same period of the prior year.

### Credit Facilities

Salem Communications Corporation has no independent assets or operations, the subsidiary guarantees are full and unconditional and joint and several, and any subsidiaries of the Salem Communications Corporation other than the subsidiary guarantees are minor.

#### Term Loan B and Revolving Credit Facility

On March 14, 2013, we entered into a senior secured credit facility, consisting of the Term Loan B and Revolver. The Term Loan B was issued at a discount for total net proceeds of \$298.5 million. The discount is being amortized to non-cash interest expense over the life of the loan using the effective interest method. For each of the three and six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014, approximately \$52,000 and \$62,000, respectively, and \$48,000 and \$94,000, respectively, of the discount has been recognized as interest expense.

The Term Loan B has a term of seven years, in which time the principal amount may be increased by up to an additional \$60.0 million, subject to the terms and conditions of the credit agreement. We are required to make principal payments of \$750,000 per quarter which began on September 30, 2013 for the Term Loan B. Prepayments may be made against the outstanding balance of our Term Loan B. Each repayment of the outstanding Term Loan B is applied ratably to each of the next four principal installments thereof in the direct order of maturity and thereafter to the remaining principal balance in reverse order of maturity.

On March 31, 2014, we repaid \$2.3 million in principal on the Term Loan B and paid interest due as of that date. We recorded an \$8,000 pre-tax loss on the early retirement of long-term debt related to the unamortized discount on the principal repaid. As of June 30, 2014, accrued interest on the Term Loan B was \$0 and there is one quarterly principal payment on Term Loan B due in the next twelve months.

Information regarding repayments of our Term Loan B is as follows:

Date	Principal Paid	Unamortized Discount
	(1	Dollars in Thousands)
March 31, 2014	\$ 2,250	\$ 8
December 30, 2013	750	3
September 30, 2013	4,000	16
June 28, 2013	4,000	14

The Revolver has a term of five years. We report outstanding balances on our Revolver as short-term based on use of the Revolver to fund ordinary and customary operating cash needs with repayments made frequently. We believe that the borrowing capacity under our Term Loan B and Revolver allows us to meet our ongoing operating requirements, fund capital expenditures and satisfy our debt service requirements for at least the next twelve months.

Borrowings under the Term Loan B may be made at LIBOR (subject to a floor of 1.00%) plus a spread of 3.50% or Wells Fargo's base rate plus a spread of 2.50%. Borrowings under the Revolver may be made at LIBOR or Wells Fargo's base rate plus a spread determined by reference to our leverage ratio, as set forth in the pricing grid below. If an event of default occurs under the credit agreement, the applicable interest rate may increase by 2.00% per annum. At June 30, 2014, the blended interest rate on amounts outstanding under the Term Loan B and Revolver was 5.03%.

		Revolver Pr	icing
Pricing Level	Consolidated Leverage Ratio	Base Rate Loans	LIBOR Loans
1	Less than 3.00 to 1.00	1.250%	2.250%
2	Greater than or equal to 3.00 to 1.00 but less than 4.00 to 1.00	1.500%	2.500%
3	Greater than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00 but less than 5.00 to 1.00	1.750%	2.750%
4	Greater than or equal to 5.00 to 1.00 but less than 6.00 to 1.00	2.000%	3.000%
5	Greater than or equal to 6.00 to 1.00	2.500%	3.500%

The obligations under the credit agreement and the related loan documents are secured by liens on substantially all of the assets of Salem and its subsidiaries, other than certain exceptions set forth in the Security Agreement, dated as of March 14, 2013, among Salem, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent (the "Security Agreement") and such other related loan documents.

With respect to financial covenants, the credit agreement includes a minimum interest coverage ratio, which starts at 1.50 to 1.0 and steps up to 2.50 to 1.0 by 2016 and a maximum leverage ratio, which starts at 6.75 to 1.0 and steps down to 5.75 to 1.0 by 2017. The credit agreement also includes other negative covenants that are customary for credit facilities of this type, including covenants that, subject to exceptions described in the credit agreement, restrict the ability of Salem and its subsidiary guarantors: (i) to incur additional indebtedness; (ii) to make investments; (iii) to make distributions, loans or transfers of assets; (iv) to enter into, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any liens; (v) to sell assets; (vi) to enter into transactions with affiliates; or (vii) to merge or consolidate with, or dispose of all or substantially all assets to, a third party. As of June 30, 2014, our leverage ratio was 5.64 to 1 compared to our compliance covenant of 6.50 and our interest coverage ratio was 3.42 compared to our compliance ratio of 2.0. We were in compliance with our debt covenants under the credit facility at June 30, 2014.

#### **Terminated Senior Secured Second Lien Notes**

On December 1, 2009, we issued \$300.0 million principal amount of our  $\frac{9}{8\%}$  Notes Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 ("Terminated  $\frac{9}{8\%}$  Notes") at a discount for \$298.1 million resulting in an effective yield of 9.75%. Interest was due and payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2010 until maturity. We were not required to make principal payments on the Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes, which were due in full in December 2016. The Terminated  $\frac{9}{8\%}$  Notes were guaranteed by all of our existing domestic restricted subsidiaries. Upon issuance, we were required to pay \$28.9 million per year in interest on the then outstanding Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes. As of December 31, 2012, accrued interest on the Terminated  $\frac{9}{8\%}$  Notes was \$0.9 million. The discount was being amortized to interest expense over the term of the Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes based on the effective interest method. For each of the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, approximately \$37,000 and \$0.2 million of the discount, respectively, was recognized as interest expense.

On March 14, 2013, we tendered for \$212.6 million in aggregate principal amount of the Terminated  $\frac{9}{8\%}$  Notes for an aggregate purchase price of \$240.3 million, or at a price equal to 110.65% of the face value of the Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes in the Tender Offer. We paid \$22.7 million for this repurchase resulting in a \$26.9 million pre-tax loss on the early retirement of long-term debt, which included approximately \$0.8 million of unamortized discount and \$2.9 million of bond issue costs associated with the Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes. We issued a notice of redemption to redeem any of the Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes that remained outstanding after the expiration date of the Tender Offer. On June 3, 2013, we redeemed the remaining \$0.9 million of the outstanding Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes to satisfy and discharge Salem's obligations under the indenture for the Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes. The carrying value of the Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$  Notes was \$212.6 million at December 31, 2012. There are no outstanding Terminated  $\frac{95}{8\%}$ Notes as of the effectiveness of the redemption.

Information regarding repurchases and redemptions of the Terminated 95/8% Notes is as follows:

Date	Principal Redeemed/Repurcha		Premium Paid	Unamortized Discount	Bond Issue Costs
			(Dollars in thous	sands)	
June 3, 2013	\$	903	\$ 27	\$ 3	\$ —
March 14, 2013		212,597	22,650	837	2,867
December 12, 2012		4,000	120	17	57
June 1, 2012		17,500	525	80	287
December 12, 2011		12,500	375	62	337
September 6, 2011		5,000	144	26	135
June 1, 2011		17,500	525	93	472
December 1, 2010		12,500	375	70	334
June 1, 2010		17,500	525	105	417

#### **Terminated Senior Credit Facility**

On December 1, 2009, we entered into a Revolver ("Terminated Revolver"). We amended the Terminated Revolver on November 1, 2010 to increase the borrowing capacity from \$30 million to \$40 million. The amendment allowed us to use borrowings under the Revolver, subject to the "Available Amount" as defined by the terms of the credit agreement, to redeem applicable portions of the Terminated 95/8% Notes. The calculation of the "Available Amount" also pertained to the payment of dividends when the leverage ratio was above 5.0 to 1.

On November 15, 2011, we completed the Second Amendment of the Terminated Revolver to, among other things, (1) extend the maturity date from December 1, 2012 to December 1, 2014, (2) change the interest rate applicable to LIBOR or the Wells Fargo base rate plus a spread to be determined based on our leverage ratio, (3) allow us to borrow and repay unsecured indebtedness provided certain conditions are met and (4) include step-downs related to our leverage ratio covenant. We incurred \$0.5 million in fees to complete this amendment, which were being amortized over the remaining term of the agreement. The applicable interest rate relating to the amended credit agreement was LIBOR plus a spread of 3.00% per annum or the Base Rate plus a spread of 1.25% per annum, which was adjustable based on our leverage ratio. If an event of default occurred, the interest rate could be increased by 2.00% per annum. Details of the change in our rate based on our leverage ratio were as follows:

		Eurodollar	Applicable Fee
Consolidated Leverage Ratio	Base Rate	Rate Loans	Rate
Less than 3.25 to 1.00	0.75%	2.25%	0.40%
Greater than or equal to 3.25 to 1.00 but less than 4.50 to 1.00	0.75%	2.50%	0.50%
Greater than or equal to 4.50 to 1.00 but less than 6.00 to 1.00	1.25%	3.00%	0.60%
Greater than or equal to 6.00 to 1.00	2.25%	3.50%	0.75%

The Terminated Revolver included a \$5 million subfacility for standby letters of credit and a subfacility for swingline loans of up to \$5 million, subject to the terms and conditions of the credit agreement relating to the Terminated Revolver. In addition to interest charges outlined above, we paid a commitment fee on the unused balance based on the Applicable Fee Rate in the above table. The Terminated Revolver included a \$5 million subfacility for standby letters of credit and a subfacility for swingline loans of up to \$5 million, subject to the terms and conditions of the credit agreement.

The Terminated Revolver was terminated on March 14, 2013 upon entry into our current senior secured credit facility. This termination resulted in a \$0.9 million pre-tax loss on the early retirement of long-term debt related to unamortized credit facility fees. There was no outstanding balance on the Terminated Revolver as of the termination date.

#### Terminated Subordinated Credit Facility with First California Bank

On May 21, 2012, we entered into a Business Loan Agreement, Promissory Note and related loan documents with First California Bank (the "FCB Loan"). The FCB Loan was an unsecured, \$10.0 million fixed-term loan with a maturity date of June 15, 2014. The interest rate for the FCB Loan ("Interest Rate") was variable and was equal to the greater of: (a) 4.250% or (b) the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate as published in The Wall Street Journal and reported by FCB plus 1%.

We were required to repay the FCB Loan as follows: (a) twenty-three (23) consecutive monthly interest payments based upon the then-current principal balance outstanding at the then-current Interest Rate commencing on September 15, 2012; (b) seven (7) quarterly consecutive principal payments of \$1.25 million each commencing on September 15, 2012; and (c) one (1) final principal and interest payment on June 15, 2014 of all outstanding and unpaid interest and principal as of such maturity date. The FCB Loan could be prepaid at any time subject to a minimum interest charge of fifty dollars (\$50). If an event of default occurred on the FCB Loan, the Interest Rate could have been increased by 5.00% per annum.

The FCB loan was terminated on March 14, 2013 upon entry into our current senior secured credit facility. This termination resulted in a \$33,000 pre-tax loss on the early retirement of long-term debt for unamortized credit facility fees. There was no outstanding balance on the FCB Loan as of the termination date.

#### Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties

On November 17, 2011, we entered into subordinated lines of credit "Terminated Subordinated Debt due Related Parties" with Edward G. Atsinger III, Chief Executive Officer and director of Salem, and Stuart W. Epperson, Chairman of Salem's Board of Directors. Pursuant to the related agreements, Mr. Epperson committed to provide an unsecured revolving line of credit to Salem in a principal amount of up to \$3 million, and Mr. Atsinger committed to provide an unsecured revolving line of credit in a principal amount of up to \$6 million. On May 21, 2012, we also entered into a subordinated line of credit with Roland S. Hinz, a Salem board member. Mr. Hinz committed to provide an unsecured revolving line of credit in a principal amount of up to \$6 million. On September 12, 2012, we amended and restated the original subordinated line of credit with Mr. Hinz to increase the unsecured revolving line of credit by \$6 million for a total line of credit of up to \$12 million.

The proceeds of the Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties could be used to repurchase a portion of the Terminated 9/8% Notes. Outstanding amounts under each subordinated line of credit bore interest at a rate equal to the lesser of (1) 5% per annum and (2) the maximum rate permitted for subordinated debt under the Terminated Revolver referred to above plus 2% per annum. Interest was payable at the time of any repayment of principal. In addition, outstanding amounts under each subordinated line of credit were required to be repaid within three (3) months from the time that such amounts are borrowed, with the exception of the subordinated line of credit with Mr. Hinz, which was to be repaid within six (6) months from the time that such amounts were borrowed. The Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties did not contain any covenants. On March 14, 2013, we repaid these lines of credit upon entry into our current senior secured credit facility. On April 3, 2013, we provided written notice to Messrs. Atsinger, Epperson and Hinz electing to terminate the Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties and related agreements effective as of May 3, 2013. There were no outstanding balances on the Terminated Subordinated Debt due to Related Parties as of the termination date.

### Summary of long-term debt obligations

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	As of De	As of December 31, 2013		As of June 30, 2014	
		(Dollars in thousands)			
Term Loan B	\$	289,939	\$	287,791	
Revolver		—		674	
Capital leases and other loans		854		792	
		290,793		289,257	
Less current portion		(3,121)		(1,541)	
	\$	287,672	\$	287,716	

In addition to the outstanding amounts listed above, we also have interest payments related to our long-term debt as follows as of June 30, 2014:

Outstanding borrowings of \$289.0 million under the Term Loan B with interest payments due at LIBOR (subject to a floor of 1.00%) plus 3.50% or prime rate plus 2.50%; and

Amount

Outstanding borrowings of \$0.7 million under the Revolver, with interest payments due at LIBOR plus 3.00% or at prime rate plus 2.00%.

#### Other Debt

We have several capital leases related to various office equipment. The obligation recorded at December 31, 2013 and June 30, 2014 represents the present value of future commitments under the lease agreements.

### Maturities of Long-Term Debt

Principal repayment requirements under all long-term debt agreements outstanding at June 30, 2014 for each of the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

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For the Twelve Months Ended June 30,	(Dollars in thousands)
2015	\$ 1,541
2016	3,096
2017	3,097
2018	3,099
2019	3,089
Thereafter	275,335
	\$ 289,257

### Impairment Losses on Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

Under FASB ASC Topic 350 Intangibles—Goodwill and Other, indefinite-lived intangibles, including broadcast licenses, goodwill and mastheads are not amortized but instead are tested for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that there may be an impairment. Impairment is measured as the excess of the carrying value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset over its fair value. Intangible assets that have finite useful lives continue to be amortized over their useful lives and are measured for impairment if events or circumstances indicate that they may be impaired. Impairment losses are recorded as operating expenses. We have incurred significant impairment losses in prior periods with regard to our indefinite-lived intangible assets.

The valuation of intangible assets is subjective and based on estimates rather than precise calculations. The fair value measurements of our indefinite-lived intangible assets use significant unobservable inputs that reflect our own assumptions about the estimates that market participants would use in measuring fair value including assumptions about risk. If actual future results are less favorable than the assumptions and estimates we used, we are subject to future impairment charges, the amount of which may be material. Given the current economic environment and uncertainties that can negatively impact our business, there can be no assurance that our estimates and assumptions made for the purpose of our indefinite-lived intangible fair value estimates will prove to be accurate.

## **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

We have, from time to time, divested certain of our radio stations and assets. In connection with these divestitures, we often provide representations, warranties and/or indemnities to cover various risks and unknown liabilities, such as environmental liabilities. We cannot estimate the potential liability from such representations, warranties and indemnities because they relate to unknown conditions.

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We indemnify our directors and certain employees as permitted by law. We have not recorded a liability associated with these indemnification arrangements as we historically have not incurred any losses associated with such indemnification obligations. Costs associated with such indemnification obligations may be mitigated by insurance coverage that we maintain; however, such insurance may not cover any of, or may cover only a portion of, the amounts we may be required to pay. In addition, such insurance coverage could change in the future.

We do not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet financial arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes at June 30, 2014. As such, we are not materially exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

As of June 30, 2014, we had no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

## DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

We are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates. We actively monitor these fluctuations and use derivative instruments from time to time to manage the related risk. In accordance with our risk management strategy, we may use derivative instruments only for the purpose of managing risk associated with an asset, liability, committed transaction, or probable forecasted transaction that is identified by management. Our use of derivative instruments may result in short-term gains or losses that may increase the volatility of our earnings.

Under FASB ASC Topic 815 Derivatives and Hedging the effective portion of the gain or loss on a derivative instrument designated and qualifying as a cash flow hedging instrument shall be reported as a component of other comprehensive income (outside earnings) and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. The remaining gain or loss on the derivative instrument, if any, shall be recognized currently in earnings.

On March 27, 2013, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A that began on March 28, 2014 with a notional principal amount of \$150.0 million. The agreement was entered to offset risks associated with the variable interest rate on our Term Loan B. Payments on the swap are due on a quarterly basis with a LIBOR floor of 0.625%. The swap expires on March 28, 2019 at a fixed rate of 1.645%. The interest rate swap agreement was not designated as a cash flow hedge, and as a result, all changes in the fair value are recognized in the current period statement of operations rather than through other comprehensive income. We recorded an asset of \$0.7 million as of June 30, 2014, representing the change in the fair value of the interest rate swap agreement. The swap was valued based on observable inputs for similar assets and liabilities and other observable inputs for interest rates and yield curves, which are classified within Level 2 inputs in the fair value hierarchy described in Note 14 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act. Based upon such evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2014.

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

We and our subsidiaries, incident to our business activities, are parties to a number of legal proceedings, lawsuits, arbitration and other claims. Such matters are subject to many uncertainties and outcomes that are not predictable with assurance. We maintain

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insurance that may provide coverage for such matters. Consequently, we are unable to ascertain the ultimate aggregate amount of monetary liability or the financial impact with respect to these matters. We believe, at this time, that the final resolution of these matters, individually and in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect upon our annual consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

We have included in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (the "2013 Annual Report"), a description of certain risks and uncertainties that could affect our business, future performance or financial condition (the "Risk Factors"). The Risk Factors are hereby incorporated in Part II, Item 1A of this Form 10-Q. Investors should consider the Risk Factors prior to making an investment decision with respect to our stock. There are no material changes from the Risk Factors disclosed in the 2013 Annual Report.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.

None.

# ITEM 3. DEFAULT UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.

None.

## ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.

Not Applicable

## **ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.**

None.

# ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.

See "Exhibit Index" below.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Salem Communications Corporation has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

August 8, 2014

SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

By: /s/ EDWARD G. ATSINGER III

Edward G. Atsinger III Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

August 8, 2014

By: /s/ EVAN D. MASYR

Evan D. Masyr Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Form	File No.	Date of First Filing	Exhibit Number	Filed Herewith
10.02.01	Employment Agreement, dated July 1, 2014 between Salem Communications Holding Corporation and Stuart W. Epperson.	_	_	_	_	Х
31.1	Certification of Edward G. Atsinger III Pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act.	_	_	_	_	Х
31.2	Certification of Evan D. Masyr Pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act.	—	—	_	—	Х
32.1	Certification of Edward G. Atsinger III Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.	—	_	_	_	Х
32.2	Certification of Evan D. Masyr Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.	_	_	_	_	Х
101	The following financial information from the Quarterly Report on Form 10Q for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) and furnished electronically herewith: (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (iv) the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.		_	_	_	х

### **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

This Employment Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into as of July 1, 2014, by and between **Stuart W. Epperson**, an individual ("Executive"), and **Salem Communications Holding Corporation**, a Delaware corporation (the "Company").

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Executive and the Company are parties to an Employment Agreement, dated July 1, 2013 (the "Old Employment Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Executive and the Company wish to terminate the Old Employment Agreement, effective as of midnight on June 30, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Company desires to employ Executive in the capacity of Chairman of the Board of the Company on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Executive desires to serve in such capacity on behalf of the Company and to provide to the Company the services described herein on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the terms and conditions set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Executive and the Company hereby agree as follows:

## 1. <u>Employment by the Company and Term</u>.

(a) <u>Duties</u>. Subject to the terms set forth herein, the Company agrees to employ Executive as Chairman of the Board and Executive hereby accepts such employment. As Chairman of the Board, Executive shall have the authority, functions, duties, powers and responsibilities for Executive's corporate office and position as set forth in the Company's Bylaws from time to time and such other authority, functions, duties, powers and responsibilities as the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") may from time to time prescribe or delegate to Executive, in all cases to be consistent with Executive's corporate offices and positions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may change Executive's title, corporate office, positions, authority, functions, duties, powers and responsibilities from time to time if it, in its sole discretion, believes such change(s) to be in the best interest of the Company, provided that in no event shall Executive's status be of lesser stature than as non-executive Vice Chairman.

(b) <u>Full Time and Best Efforts</u> During the Term, Executive shall apply, on a full-time basis, all of his skill and experience to the performance of his duties hereunder and shall not, without the prior consent of the Board, devote substantial amounts of time to outside business activities. The performance of Executive's duties shall be primarily in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Jacksonville, Florida, subject to reasonable travel as the performance of his

duties in the business may require. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Executive may devote a reasonable amount of his time to civic, community, charitable or passive investment activities in a manner which is reasonably consistent with his historic practices.

(c) <u>Company Policies</u>. The employment relationship between the parties shall be governed by the general employment policies and practices of the Company and of its parent, Salem Communications Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Parent"), including without limitation the policies described in Section 10 of this Agreement, except that when the terms of this Agreement differ from or are in conflict with the Company's or Parent's general employment policies or practices, this Agreement shall control.

(d) <u>Term</u>. Executive's term of employment under this Agreement shall commence as of the date hereof (the "Effective Date") and, subject to the terms hereof, shall terminate on such date (the "Termination Date") that is the earlier of: (1) June 30, 2015, or (2) the termination of Executive's employment pursuant to Section 4 of this Agreement. The period from the Effective Date until the Termination Date shall be defined herein as the "Term."

## 2. <u>Compensation and Benefits</u>.

(a) <u>Cash Salary</u>. Executive shall receive for services to be rendered hereunder an annual base salary (the "Base Salary"), of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)**.

(b) Participation in Benefit Plans During the Term, Executive shall be entitled to participate in any group insurance, hospitalization, medical, dental, health and accident, disability, compensation or other plan or program of the Parent or Company now existing or established hereafter to the extent that he is eligible under the general provisions thereof. The Company may, in its sole discretion and from time to time, amend, eliminate or establish additional benefit programs as it deems appropriate. The availability and terms of such benefit plans shall be set by the Board of Directors of Parent, or its designated committee, and may change from time-to-time. Executive shall be required to comply with all conditions attendant to coverage by the benefit plans hereunder and shall be entitled to benefits only in accordance with the terms and conditions of such plans as they may be enumerated from time to time.

(c) <u>Perquisites</u>. During the Term, the Company shall provide Executive with the perquisites and other fringe benefits generally made available to senior executives of the Company and any such other benefits as the Board of Directors of Parent, or its designated committee, may elect to grant from time-to-time including the following:

(1) <u>Automobile Allowance</u>. The Company shall provide Executive, at no cost to Executive, the use of a company-owned or company-leased vehicle of a cost and quality reasonably acceptable to the Company but, in any event, equal to or exceeding the cost and quality of the vehicle presently used by Executive. The Company shall pay, or reimburse Executive for, all costs associated with operating, maintaining and insuring such automobile, provided such costs are itemized and presented to the company in writing and in a form as then prescribed by the Company in its policies for the reimbursement of employee business expenses;

(2) Life Insurance. The Company shall provide Executive the death benefit provided under a split-dollar life insurance policy pursuant to a separate Split Dollar Life Insurance Agreement dated January 10, 2011, and entered into by Executive and the Company;

(3) <u>Regulatory Filings</u>. The Company shall pay for all governmental and regulatory filings required by Executive solely as a result of his position as an officer or director of the Company or Parent, including, but not limited to, all Section 16 filings required by Executive. For avoidance of doubt, such filings would include SEC Forms 4 and 5 and Schedule 13G and FCC ownership reports and transfer applications and would not include other filings required in connection with the sale of company stock by Executive;

(4) <u>Regulatory Filings/Fees Associated with Option Exercises</u>. In the event Executive is required to make regulatory filings as a result of his exercise of options granted him by the Company for the purchase of stock of the Parent, the Company shall pay the cost of such filings, including any filing fee. The benefits provided in this Section 2(c)(4) shall include full reimbursement for any income and employment taxes applicable to such benefits;

(5) <u>Travel and Entertainment Expenses</u>. Reasonable, bona-fide Company-related entertainment and travel expenses incurred by Executive in accordance with the Employee Handbook, Code of Ethical Conduct, Financial Code of Conduct and other written policies, all as issued by the Company, relating thereto shall be reimbursed or paid by the Company; and,

(6) Health Benefit. Employer will pay the employee, spouse and dependents portions of the monthly group health care premiums on behalf of Executive.

## 3. <u>Bonuses</u>.

In addition to the other compensation of Executive as set forth herein, and subject to the provisions of Section 4 hereof, Executive shall be eligible for an annual merit bonus in an amount to be determined at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company, which bonus may be paid in cash, options or a combination thereof.

## 4. <u>Termination of Employment.</u>

## (a) Termination For Cause.

(1) <u>Termination; Payment of Accrued Salary</u>. The Board may terminate Executive's employment with the Company at any time for cause, immediately upon notice to Executive of the circumstances leading to such termination for cause. In the event that Executive's employment is terminated for cause, Executive shall receive payment for all accrued salary through the Termination Date, which in this event shall be the date upon which notice of termination is given. The Company shall have no further obligation to pay severance of any kind nor to make any payment in lieu of notice.

(2) <u>Definition of Cause</u>. For the purposes of this Agreement, "<u>Cause</u>" shall mean, without limitation, the following: (A) the death of Executive; (B) any mental or physical impairment which prevents Executive at any time during the Term from performing the essential functions of his full duties for a period of 180 days within any 270 day period and Executive thereafter fails to return to work within 10 days of notice by the Company of intention to terminate ("Disability"); (C) continued gross neglect, malfeasance or gross insubordination in performing duties assigned to Executive; (D) a conviction for a crime involving moral turpitude; (E) an egregious act of dishonesty (including without limitation theft or embezzlement) in connection with employment, or a malicious action by Executive toward Parent, Company, or their affiliates or related entities (together with Parent, collectively "Affiliates"); (F) a violation of the provisions of Section 6(a) hereof; (G) a willful breach of this Agreement; (H) disloyalty; and (I) material and repeated failure to carry out reasonably assigned duties or instructions consistent with Executive's position.

(b) <u>Termination by Executive</u>. Executive shall have the right, at his election, to terminate his employment with the Company by notice to the Company to that effect: (1) if the Company shall have failed to substantially perform a material condition or covenant of this Agreement ("Company's Material Breach") or (2) if the Company materially reduces or diminishes Executive's powers and responsibilities hereunder; provided, however, that a termination under clauses (1) and (2) of this Section 4(b) shall not be effective until Executive shall have given notice to the Company specifying the claimed breach and, provided such breach is curable, Company fails to correct the claimed breach within 30 days after the receipt of the applicable notice or such longer term as may be reasonably required by the Company due to the nature of the claimed breach (but within 10 days if the failure to perform is a failure to pay monies when due under the terms of this Agreement).

(c) <u>Termination Upon Disability</u>. The Company may terminate Executive's employment in the event Executive suffers a Disability (as defined in Section 4(a)(2) hereof). After the Termination Date, which in this event shall be the date upon which notice of termination is given, no further compensation shall be payable under this Agreement except that Executive shall receive the accrued portion of any salary and bonus through the Termination Date, less standard withholdings for tax and social security purposes, payable, in the case of a bonus, upon such date or over such period of time which is in accordance with the applicable bonus plan plus severance equal to 100% of his then Base Salary for 15 months without offset for any disability payments Executive may receive, payable in equal monthly installments. After the Termination Date, which in this event shall be the date upon which notice of termination is given, any then unvested or time-vested stock options previously granted to Executive by the Company shall become immediately one hundred percent (100%) vested.

## (d) Termination Without Cause.

(1) <u>Termination Payments</u>. In the event that, during the Term, Executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than pursuant to Section 4(a) or 4(c), or by Executive pursuant to Section 4(b), the Company shall pay Executive as severance an amount equal to his then Base Salary for the longer of six months or the remainder of the Term, less standard withholdings for tax and social security purposes, payable in equal installments over six consecutive months, or, if longer, the number of months remaining in the Term, commencing immediately following termination, in monthly pro rata payments commencing as of the Termination Date, plus the accrued portion of any bonus through the Termination Date, less standard withholdings for tax and social security purposes, payable, in the case of a bonus, upon such date or over such period of time which is in accordance with the applicable bonus plan.

(e) <u>Benefits Upon Termination</u>. All benefits provided under Section 2(b) hereof shall be extended at the Executive's cost, to the extent permitted by the Company's insurance policies and benefit plans, for six months after Executive's Termination Date, except (a) as required by law (*e.g.* COBRA health insurance continuation election) or (b) in the event of a termination by the Company pursuant to Section 4(a).

(f) <u>Termination Upon Death</u>. If Executive dies prior to the expiration of the Term, the Company shall (1) continue coverage of Executive's dependents (if any) under all applicable benefit plans or programs of the type listed above in Section 2(b) herein for a period of 12 months, and (2) pay to Executive's estate the accrued portion of any salary and bonus through the Termination Date, less standard withholdings for tax and social security purposes, payable, in the case of a bonus, upon such date or over such period of time which is in accordance with the applicable bonus plan. After the Termination Date, which in this event shall be the date of Executive's death, any then unvested or time-vested stock options previously granted to Executive by the Company shall become immediately one hundred percent (100%) vested.

(g) No Offset. Executive shall have no duty to mitigate any of his damages or losses and the Company shall not be entitled to reduce or offset any payments owed to Executive hereunder for any reason.

## 5. Right of First Refusal on Corporate Opportunities.

During the Term, Executive agrees that he shall, prior to exploiting a Corporate Opportunity (hereafter defined) for his own account or for the benefit of an immediate family member's account, offer the Company a right of first refusal with respect to such Corporate Opportunity. For purposes of this Section 5, "Corporate Opportunity" shall mean any business opportunity that is in the same or a related business as any of the businesses in which the Company or any of its Affiliates is involved. The determination as to whether a business opportunity constitutes a Corporate Opportunity shall be made by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of Parent or a majority of the disinterested and independent members of the Board, and their determination shall be based on an evaluation of: (a) the extent to which the

Corporate Opportunity is within the Company's or any of its Affiliates' existing lines of business or its existing plans to expand; (b) the extent to which the Corporate Opportunity supplements the Company's or any of its Affiliates' existing lines of activity or complements the Company's or any of its Affiliates' existing methods of service; (c) whether the Company has available resources that can be utilized in connection with the Corporate Opportunity; (d) whether the Company is legally or contractually barred from utilizing the Corporate Opportunity; (e) the extent to which utilization of the Corporate Opportunity by Executive would create conflicts of interest with the Company or any of its Affiliates; and (f) any other factors the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee or such disinterested and independent Board members deem(s) appropriate under the circumstances.

### 6. Executive's Obligations.

(a) <u>Confidential Information</u>. Executive agrees that, during the Term or at any time thereafter:

(1) Executive shall not use for any purpose other than the duly authorized business of Company, or disclose to any third party, any information relating to Company or any of its Affiliates which is proprietary to Company or any of its Affiliates ("Confidential Information"), including any customer list, contact information, rate schedules, programming, data, plans, intellectual property, trade secret or any written (including in any electronic form) or oral communication incorporating Confidential Information in any way (except as may be required by law or in the performance of Executive's duties under this Agreement consistent with Company's policies) regardless of whether or not such information has been labeled as "confidential"; and

(2) Executive shall comply with any and all confidentiality obligations of Company to a third party, whether arising under a written agreement or

otherwise.

## (b) Work For Hire.

(1) The results and proceeds of Executive's services to Company, including, without limitation, any works of authorship resulting from Executive's services during Executive's employment with Company and/or any of its Affiliates and any works in progress resulting from such services, shall be works-made-for-hire and Company shall be deemed the sole owner of any and all rights of every nature in such works, whether such rights are now known or hereafter defined or discovered, with the right to use the works in perpetuity in any manner Company determines in its sole discretion without any further payment to Executive. If, for any reason, any of such results and proceeds are not legally deemed a work-made-for-hire and/or there are any rights in such results and proceeds which do not accrue to Company under the preceding sentence, then Executive hereby irrevocably assigns and agrees to assign any and all of Executive's right, title and interest thereto, whether now known or hereafter defined or discovered, and Company shall have the right to use the work in perpetuity in any location and in any manner Company determines in its sole discretion without any further payment to Executive.

(2) Executive shall do any and all things which Company may deem useful or desirable to establish or document Company's rights in any such results and proceeds, including, without limitation, the execution of appropriate copyright, trademark and/or patent applications, assignments or similar documents and, if Executive is unavailable or unwilling to execute such documents, Executive hereby irrevocably designates the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Parent or his designee as Executive's attorney-in-fact with the power to execute such documents on Executive's behalf. To the extent Executive has any rights in the results and proceeds of Executive's services under this Agreement that cannot be assigned as described above, Executive unconditionally and irrevocably waives the enforcement of such rights.

(3) Works-made-for-hire do not include subject matter that meets all of the following criteria: (A) is conceived, developed and created by Executive on Executive's own time without using the Company's or any of its Affiliate's equipment, supplies or facilities or any trade secrets or confidential information, (B) is unrelated to the actual or reasonably anticipated business or research and development of Company or any of its Affiliates of which Executive is or becomes aware; and (C) does not result from any work performed by Executive for Company or any of its Affiliates.

(c) <u>Return of Property</u>. All documents, data, recordings, equipment or other property, whether tangible or intangible, including all information stored in electronic form, obtained or prepared by or for Executive and utilized by Executive in the course of Executive's employment with Company or any of its Affiliates shall remain the exclusive property of Company and shall not be removed from the premises of the Company under any circumstances whatsoever without the prior written consent of the Company, except when (and only for the period) necessary to carry out Executive's duties hereunder, and if removed shall be immediately returned to the Company upon any termination of his employment and no copies thereof shall be kept by Executive; provided, however, that Executive shall be entitled to retain documents reasonably related to his prior interest as a shareholder. Upon termination of employment, Executive shall promptly return all property of Company or any of its Affiliates.

(d) <u>Use of Executive's Name, Image and Likeness</u> Company may make use of Executive's name, photograph, drawing or other likeness in connection with the advertising or the giving of publicity to Company, Parent or a program broadcast or content provided by Company, Parent or any Affiliates. In such regard, Company may make recordings, transcriptions, videotapes, films and other reproductions of any and all actions performed by Executive in his or her capacity as an Executive of Company, including without limitation any voice-over or announcing material provided by Executive (collectively "Executive Performances"). Company shall have the right to broadcast, display, license, assign or use any Executive Performances on a royalty-free basis without additional compensation payable to Executive.

## 7. <u>Noninterference</u>.

While employed by the Company and for a period of two years thereafter, Executive agrees not to interfere with the business of the Company by directly or indirectly

soliciting, attempting to solicit, inducing, or otherwise causing any executive or material employee of the Company or any of its Affiliates to terminate his or her employment in order to become an employee, consultant or independent contractor to or for any other Company.

#### 8. <u>Noncompetition</u>.

Executive agrees that during the Term and for a period of two years thereafter, he shall not, without the prior consent of the Company, directly or indirectly, be employed by, be connected with, or have an interest in, as an employee, consultant, officer, director, partner, stockholder or joint venturer, in any person or entity owning, managing, controlling, operating or otherwise participating or assisting in any business that is in competition with the business of the Company or any of its Affiliates (a) during the Term, in any location, and (b) for the two-year period following the termination of this Agreement, in any province, state or jurisdiction in which the Company or any of its Affiliates was conducting business at the date of termination of Executive's employment and continues to do so thereafter; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prevent Executive from being a stockholder of less than one percent of the issued and outstanding securities of any class of a corporation listed on a national securities exchange or designated as national market system securities on an interdealer quotation system by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this paragraph shall not operate to limit Executive's ability to provide non-confidential information to, serve on the board of directors of, or be employed by any 501(c)(3) organization, including any such organization operating non-commercial radio station(s).

## 9. <u>Remedies</u>.

Executive acknowledges that a breach or threatened breach by Executive of any the provisions of Sections 5, 6, 7 or 8 will result in the Company and its stockholders suffering irreparable harm which cannot be calculated or fully or adequately compensated by recovery of monetary damages alone. Accordingly, Executive agrees that the Company shall be entitled to interim, interlocutory and permanent injunctive relief, specific performance and other equitable remedies, in addition to any other relief to which the Company may become entitled should there be such a breach or threatened breach.

## 10. Personal Conduct.

Executive agrees to promptly and faithfully comply with all present and future policies, requirements, directions, requests and rules and regulations of the Company in connection with the Company's business, including without limitation the policies and requirements set forth in Parent's Employee Handbook, Code of Ethical Conduct and Financial Code of Conduct. Executive further agrees to comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to Executive's employment with the Company. Executive hereby agrees not to engage in any activity that is in direct conflict with the essential interests of the Company or any of its Affiliates. Executive hereby acknowledges that nothing set forth in the Employee Handbook, Code of Ethical Conduct or Financial Code of Conduct or any other policy issued by the Company or Parent shall be deemed to create a separate contractual obligation, guarantee or inducement between Executive and the Company.

## 11. Indemnification.

The Company shall indemnify Executive to the fullest extent permitted by law, in effect at the time of the subject act or omission, and shall advance to Executive reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses as such fees and expenses are incurred (subject to an undertaking from Executive to repay such advances if it shall be finally determined by a judicial decision which is not subject to further appeal that Executive was not entitled to the reimbursement of such fees and expenses). Executive shall be entitled to the protection of any insurance policies that the Company may elect to maintain generally for the benefit of its directors and officers against all costs, charges and expenses incurred or sustained by him in connection with any action, suit or proceeding (other than any action, suit or proceeding arising under or relating to this Agreement) to which Executive may be made a party by reason of his being or having been a director, officer or employee of the Company or any of its Affiliates, or his serving or having served any other enterprise as a director, officer or employee at the request of the Company. The Company covenants to maintain during Executive's employment for the benefit of Executive (in his capacity as an officer and director of the Company by the Directors' and Officers' Insurance maintained by the Company on the date hereof; provided, however, that the Board may elect to terminate Directors' and Officers' Insurance for all officers, including Executive, if the Board determines in good faith that such insurance is not available only at unreasonable expense.

## 12. Miscellaneous.

(a) <u>Notices</u>. Any notices provided hereunder must be in writing and shall be deemed effective upon the earlier of (1) personal delivery (including personal delivery by e-mail or fax), (2) on the first day after mailing by overnight courier, or (3) on the third day after mailing by first class mail, to the recipient at the address indicated below:

To the Company:

Salem Communications Holding Corporation 4880 Santa Rosa Road Camarillo, California 93012 Attention: Christopher J. Henderson, Secretary

To Executive:

Stuart W. Epperson 3780 Will Scarlet Road Winston-Salem, NC 27104

or to such other address or to the attention of such other person as the recipient party shall have specified by prior written notice to the sending party.

(b) Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction from which no further appeal lies or is taken, that provision shall be deemed to be severed herefrom, and all remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and enforceable.

(c) Entire Agreement. This document constitutes the final, complete, and exclusive embodiment of the entire agreement and understanding between the parties related to the subject matter hereof and supersedes and preempts any prior or contemporaneous understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the parties, written or oral. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except as provided in this Agreement, all understandings and agreements, written or oral, relating to the employment of Executive by the Company or the payment of any compensation or the provision of any benefit in connection therewith or otherwise, are hereby terminated and shall be of no further force and effect.

(d) <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, any one of which need not contain signatures of more than one party, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

(e) Successors and Assigns. This Agreement is intended to bind and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Executive and the Company, and their respective successors and assigns, except that Executive may not assign any of his duties hereunder and he may not assign any of his rights hereunder without the prior written consent of the Company.

(f) <u>Amendments</u>. No amendments or other modifications to this Agreement may be made except by a writing signed by both parties. No amendment or waiver of this Agreement requires the consent of any individual, partnership, corporation or other entity not a party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any third person any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.

(g) Attorneys' Fees. If any legal proceeding is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, or to recover damages for breach therefore, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, as well as costs and disbursements, in addition to other relief to which he or it may be entitled.

(h) Choice of Law. All questions concerning the construction, validity and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal law, and not the law of conflicts, of the State of California.

(i) <u>Resolution of Disputes</u>. Company and Executive mutually agree to resolve any and all legal claims arising from or in any way relating to Executive's employment with Company through mediation or, if mediation does not resolve the claim or dispute within ten (10) days of notice demanding mediation, by binding arbitration under the Federal Arbitration Act subject to the terms and conditions provided below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, insured workers' compensation claims (other than wrongful discharge claims) and claims for unemployment insurance are excluded from arbitration under this Agreement. This Agreement does not prevent the filing of charges with administrative agencies such as the Equal

Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, or equivalent state agencies. Arbitration shall be conducted in Ventura County, California in accordance with any of the following, at Executive's election: (a) the JAMS® Employment Rules of Procedure, or (b) the rules of procedure issued by another alternative dispute resolution service mutually acceptable to Executive and Company. Any award issued in accordance with this Section 11(i) shall be rendered as a judgment in any trial court having competent jurisdiction. Company shall pay the arbitration fees and expenses, less any filing fee amount the Executive would otherwise have to pay to pursue a comparable lawsuit in a United States district court in the jurisdiction where the dispute arises or state court in the jurisdiction where the dispute arises, whichever is less. All other rights, remedies, exhaustion requirements, statutes of limitations and defenses applicable to claims asserted in a court of law shall apply in the arbitration. Executive expressly waives any presumption or rule, if any, which requires this Agreement to be construed against the Company.

(j) Integration. This Agreement comprises the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter and shall supersede all other prior written or oral agreements, including without limitation the Old Employment Agreement.

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(k) <u>Survival</u>; <u>Modification of Terms</u>. No change in Executive's duties or salary shall affect, alter, or otherwise release Executive from the covenants and agreements contained herein. All post-termination covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made herein by Executive shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement or employment under this Agreement in accordance with their respective terms and conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement effective as of the date first written above.

# "EXECUTIVE"

/s/ Stuart W. Epperson

Stuart W. Epperson

"COMPANY"

SALEM COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING CORPORATION

By: /s/ Edward G. Atsinger III Edward G. Atsinger III Chief Executive Officer

I hereby certify that the terms and conditions of this Employment Agreement have been reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee of Salem Communications Corporation.

Date: June 30, 2014

/s/ David Davenport

David Davenport Chairman of the Compensation Committee, Salem Communications Corporation

### EXHIBIT 31.1

I, Edward G. Atsinger III, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Salem Communications Corporation;
- Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light
  of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15(d)-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 8, 2014

/s/ EDWARD G. ATSINGER III Edward G. Atsinger III President and Chief Executive Officer

### EXHIBIT 31.2

I, Evan D. Masyr, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Salem Communications Corporation;
- Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light
  of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15(d)-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 8, 2014

/s/ EVAN D. MASYR Evan D. Masyr

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT 32.1

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

The undersigned hereby certifies, in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer of Salem Communications Corporation (the "Company"), for purposes of 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that based on his knowledge:

- the Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2014 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: August 8, 2014

By: /s/ EDWARD G. ATSINGER III

Edward G. Atsinger III President and Chief Executive Officer

## EXHIBIT 32.2

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

The undersigned hereby certifies, in his capacity as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Salem Communications Corporation (the "Company"), for purposes of 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that based on his knowledge:

- the Quarterly report of the Company on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30,2014 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: August 8, 2014

By: /s/ EVAN D. MASYR

Evan D. Masyr Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer